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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 26, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was;
(THE RICHARD SORGE CASE)
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(Bureau file 61-6488)

Reurlet July 29, 1949.

Inquiry at Curtis Brown, Ltd., New York City, reflects that [redacted] b7C
current address is [redacted], Santa Monica, California.

For the information of the Los Angeles office, it is noted that by letter of March 23, 1949, the Bureau forwarded to the NY office an item received from WALTER WINCHELL, original source not disclosed, quoting from "Journey To A War" by W. H. AUDEN and CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD, published in 1939, as follows:

"The Red Army, one sees, is AGNES SMEDLEY'S whole life - her husband and her child." It was noted that ISHERWOOD was writing for Hollywood and had discontinued his leftist affiliations. The Bureau suggested that [redacted] be interviewed concerning his knowledge of SMEDLEY. b7C

The Los Angeles office is requested to handle this interview. New York is office of origin in this case.

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Director, FBI

THE RICHARD SORGE CASE
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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum of March 24, 1949.

With the Bureau memorandum of reference, there were transmitted to you photostatic copies of the second of a series of folders in this matter received by the Department of the Army from their Far East Command, and thereafter made available to this Bureau. Supplementing that information, the Department of the Army has now forwarded the first, fifth, sixth, and seventh of this series of folders received from the Far East Command, single photostatic copies of which are transmitted herewith for your information. It is noted that the bulk of the information contained in this material has been made available previously to you in a different form.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
General Staff, United States Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On 9 March 1949 one folder was forwarded to you containing documentary evidence on the Sorge case, primarily pertaining to Agnes Smedley. This folder was the second of a series of shipments received from the Far East Command on the subject. Additional shipments are expected in the future.

The first folder in the series has not been previously forwarded to you because the contents are known to be in your files. In order to give you a complete consecutive file to date, the first and the last three folders received are being forwarded herewith.

Sincerely yours,

S. LeROY IRWIN
Major General, GSC
Director of Intelligence

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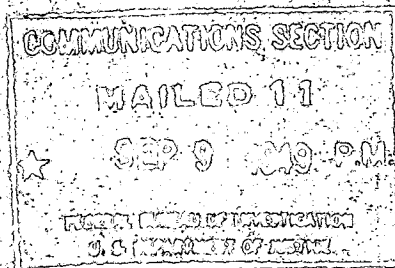
Reference is made to your memorandum of September 1, 1949.

Transmitted herewith for your information is a further copy of a Washington Field Office memorandum dated July 22, 1949.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 1, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
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(Bufile 61-6580)

Reurlet dated August 8, 1949.

No enclosure to this letter has been received by this office.
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-17302**

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| REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C. | DATE WHEN MADE 9/12/49 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/20; 9/6/49 | REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> LWB:JC |
| TITLE AGNES SMEDLEY, was | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FREDA UTLEY, a writer, advised that for about five months in 1938 she resided at Hankow, China and saw **SMEDLEY** often there but knew of no Russian or Communist connections on **SMEDLEY**'S part. **UTLEY** knew of no possible or active participation in Soviet Espionage by **SMEDLEY**. **UTLEY** knew nothing as to the death of **SMEDLEY**'S second husband.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file # 61-6580
Bureau letter to Washington Field Office June 20, 1949

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

This investigation was conducted jointly by SA and the writer.

FREDA UTLEY, 1717 20th Street NW was interviewed July 20th and September 6, 1949 by SA and and she advised that as a writer she was in Hankow, China in 1938. She explained that she had resided in Hankow for about four or five months and during this time she visited frequently with **AGNES SMEDLEY** another writer who was then in Hankow. **MISS UTLEY** stated that she had broken from the Communist party in 1931 and that **AGNES SMEDLEY** was getting out of the Communist party in 1938 but appeared pro-Chinese Communist. **UTLEY** stated that **SMEDLEY** was active in Chinese Red Cross and literary work in Hankow and had very little money. She also stated that **SMEDLEY** believed the American Communists did not like her because they had condemned one of her books.

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MISS UTLEY stated that she was unable to recall any detailed account of SMEDLEY'S life in China and the United States and has not been a close acquaintance. She knew of no Japanese associated with SMEDLEY and did not know RICHARD SORGE. UTLEY knew of no possible or active participation in any Soviet Intelligence operations by SMEDLEY and knew of no contact with any Russians or Communists.

Utley did not know SMEDLEY'S second husband, the Hindu, and had no information to prove that he was purged by the Soviets. She also believed that SMEDLEY did not actually know if her second husband was so purged.

-REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN-

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 20, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, Was
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Rebulet 9/15/49.

A report was submitted to the Bureau 9/19/49.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-68282** EMM

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| REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK | DATE WHEN MADE 9/19/49 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/2, 9, 10, 24, 25; 9/6/49 | REPORT MADE BY JAMES T. O'BRIEN |
| TITLE AGNES SMEDLEY, was. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject made speeches at the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace on 3/27/49 and at a meeting sponsored by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy on 6/15/49. She attacked US support of CHIANG KAI-SHEK in China and hailed the successes of the Chinese insurgents. She has consented to become a sponsor of a Continental Congress for Peace to be held possibly in Mexico City at the invitation of [redacted] an organizer, working at the Office of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. Investigation at 1917-1918 addresses of SMEDLEY negative. Former contacts identified.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #61-6580.

Report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN,
New York, 7/18/49.

DETAILS: I. CURRENT ACTIVITIES

[Confidential Informant] of known reliability, advised that at a plenary session of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, on March 27, 1949, SMEDLEY was introduced by HARLOW SHAPLEY. According to the informant, SMEDLEY spoke about

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"the awakening of the peoples of the Orient" and that it was "about time to tell the American people the truth about the Fascistic Government of CHIANG. If the so-called nationalist government of China wants to go on fighting let them pay their own way. Chinese government officials have some billion dollars on deposit in the United States and other countries. Let them use their own money. The American people must tell their government that they won't give one cent to the corrupt government of CHIANG".

The June 9, 1949, issue of the "Worker", an East coast Communist daily newspaper, contains an article entitled, "CARLSON'S Prophecy True Two Years After His Death". The article mentioned that the victories of the People's Liberation Army in China and the 2nd anniversary of Brigadier General EVANS F. CARLSON'S death would be honored at a mass meeting hailing the New China on June 15, 1949, at the City Center Casino. AGNES SMEDLEY, author, was listed among the scheduled speakers.

The "Worker", June 12, 1949, contained an advertisement for this meeting noting that it was under the auspices of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy and listing SMEDLEY, LIU LIANG-MO and PETE SEEGER as the speakers. This sponsoring committee is carried on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

[Confidential Informant] advised that the celebration ~~(C)~~(U) mentioned above was held on June 15, 1949, at the City Center Casino in New York City. This informant reported that SMEDLEY was the last person on the program and made a long speech describing the composition and workings of the Chinese Red Army. Because of the late hour the audience began to leave while she was speaking, at which she became insulted and wanted to break off her speech. However, she continued at the urging of the chairman and several persons in the audience.

The June 17, 1949, issue of the "Worker" carried an item headed "1,000 at rally hail China People's Victory", which included information that SMEDLEY had addressed this meeting and "declared that the Chinese situation came about because of the identity of the People's Liberation Army with the Chinese people."

The article also noted that "she termed the events in China a people's revolution which shattered feudalism, which will have tremendous repercussions all over the world. The American people have much to learn from the Chinese."

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[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] is in charge of preparations for a Continental Congress for Peace which will probably take place in Mexico City in the near future. She uses the headquarters in New York City of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which sponsored the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace in New York City in March, 1949. This latter conference was termed "a sounding board for Communist propaganda" by the United States State Department. (U)

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The informant advised that on June 30, 1949, [redacted] had obtained the consent of AGNES SMEDLEY to sponsor such a congress. (U)

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II. INVESTIGATION OF PAST ACTIVITIES

Information has previously been reported that SMEDLEY resided from November 25, 1917, to December 26, 1917, at 156 Waverly Place, New York City under the alias of BRUNDIN.

[redacted] Resident-Owner of the premises, advised that he had purchased this property in 1935 from the estate of DANIEL KOPS, through the City Bank Farmers Trust Company as trustees. He stated that all of the present tenancies of 156 Waverly Place date subsequent to his purchase.

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The City Bank Farmers Trust Company advised that all records pertaining to tenancies in 1917 had apparently been destroyed by DANIEL KOPS, the then owner.

It has previously been reported that SMEDLEY lived at 16 East 9th Street, under the alias of MARIE BRUNDIN from December 27, 1917 to February 22, 1918.

[redacted] of Sailors Smug Harbor, [redacted], New York City, advised that his organization is the present owner of this property and owned it in 1918. However, his organization had no records relating to tenancies at that time and all present tenancies have been subsequent to this period.

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It was also previously reported that SMEDLEY had lived at 38 Union Square, New York City, under her own name from February 22, 1918 to March, 1918. It was ascertained that these premises were owned at that time by SAMUEL KLEIN, now deceased, and are presently owned and managed by the Estate of SAMUEL KLEIN.

b7C [] Trustee of the Estate, advised that there were no records in existence relating to tenants of that period and that none of the present tenants have resided at this address for more than ten years.

It was previously reported that an invitation to a musical sponsored by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom to be held at the home of Mr. S.L.M. BARLOW, 11 Gramercy, New York City, was extended to SMEDLEY in August, 1945, by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom, 32 West 42nd Street, New York City. (U)

b2 [] Confidential Informant [] a governmental agency which conducts security investigations, advised that Dr. SAMUEL L. M. BARLOW, 11 Gramercy Place, New York City, is a composer and author, a person of some wealth, who has been active in organizations dominated by Communist Party, such as the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and the National Committee for Peoples Rights. (U)

b2 b7D Confidential Informant [] a reliable informant, advised that two very active members of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party were planning to meet at his home on January 16, 1943. The informant was unable to state whether this meeting actually took place. (U)

b7C [] Confidential Informant [] a reliable informant, advised that on April 24, 1949, BARLOW invited MAX YERGAN, a former official of the Council on African Affairs, to his home. YERGAN had formally broken with the Communist Party a short time prior to this date and had written an article in the "Herald Tribune" of April 23, 1949, denouncing a statement by PAUL ROBESON that the American Negroes would never fight Russia. (U)

/ When YERGAN arrived at BARLOW'S home, it was reported that BARLOW, [] WILLIAM ROSE BENET, and others engaged in a heated argument because of this article and attempted to have him change his viewpoint.

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[Confidential Informant of known reliability, (X) who have met BARLOW socially and professionally,] have characterized him as something of a dilettante in political as well as artistic matters and considered it unlikely that he was serious or disciplined enough to be a member of the Communist Party.

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Mrs. HANNAH SIMMS-LEE, 2100 East 5th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that she had been a missionary to China with her husband for twenty-two years, most of the time in Hankow, China.

Mrs. SIMMS-LEE recalled that in September or October, 1938, she met AGNES SMEDLEY at a party at the apartment of one of the British or American consular officials. SMEDLEY was accompanied by an American Army or Navy officer whose name Mrs. SIMMS-LEE did not get. SMEDLEY talked in general terms of her association with the Chinese Communists and complained to Mrs. SIMMS-LEE that if she had been from the South and had had the wonderful opportunity that Mrs. SIMMS-LEE had she would have been a different person.

Mrs. SIMMS-LEE stated that this was her only actual knowledge of SMEDLEY'S activities; that there had been many rumors in Hankow concerning SMEDLEY'S activities with the Chinese Communist Army but stated that rumors in China are always current and she could furnish no first-hand information concerning this matter.

[Confidential Informant of unknown reliability, advised (X) (U) that for about four or five months in 1938, she lived in Hankow, China, and saw SMEDLEY frequently during this period. The informant stated that he had left the Communist Party and that SMEDLEY was aware of this fact. It was the informant's impression that SMEDLEY was apparently in the process of leaving the Communist Party and its work in 1938. The informant stated that SMEDLEY was active in Chinese Red Cross work and in literary work in Hankow, and had very little money. She appeared to be a pro-Chinese Communist but believed that the American Communists did not like her because they had condemned one of her books.

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The informant advised that he knew of no Russian or Communist connections on SMEDLEY'S part and knew of no possible or active participation in any Soviet intelligence operations.

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[Confidential Informant of unknown reliability, who was closely acquainted with at New Paltz, New York, advised that prior to 1942, this couple had numerous visitors to their farm for short periods of time. The informant recalled that one visitor was a sailor who remarked to her that was a Communist. She was formerly a school teacher and wrote articles for magazines. She had a son by a prior marriage named

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According to the informant, SMEDLEY visited these persons several times a year. The informant could give no further information regarding SMEDLEY'S activities.

[Confidential Informant who is well acquainted with persons living in New Paltz, New York, advised that were suspected of pro-Communist sympathies but that nothing definite was known in this regard. He stated that a Mrs. ANNA H. BRUNDIN has resided in a cottage on their farm for some years past and is apparently a tenant there.

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It will be noted that one of the aliases reportedly used by SMEDLEY in 1917 and 1918 was MARIE BRUNDIN.

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SMEDLEY is presently living at the home of [redacted] Sheden's Landing, Palisades, New York. The telephone number Piermont [redacted] is listed to [redacted].

A listing of toll calls from January 1, 1949, to August 15, 1949 have been obtained. There are approximately 360 telephone calls listed, none of which can be connected with SMEDLEY.

In view of this fact and because of the great expenditure of agents' time necessary to identify all these listings, they are being retained in this file in the New York Office for future reference if necessary and no further action with respect to them is being taken at this time.

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"Who's Who" for 1944-1945, contains the following listing:

"DOROTHY GRAFFE/VAN DOREN, (Mrs. MARK/VAN DOREN), writer, editor; born San Francisco, California, May 2, 1896; daughter of GEORGE and FRANCES (LANE) GRAFFE; A.B. Barnard College, (Columbia,) 1918; married MARK VAN DOREN, September 1, 1922; children, [redacted] Assistant Editor, 'The Nation', 1919-1926, Associate Editor 1926-1936; with United States Government Office of War Information since 1942. Author; 'Strangers' 1926, 'Flowering Quince', 1927, 'Brother and Brother', 1928, 'Those First Affections', 1938, 'Dacey Hamilton', 1942. Editor, 'The Lost Art', 'Letters of Seven Women', 1929; (With ALFRED L. VERNHEIN), 'Labor and The Government', 1935. Contributor of short stories, book reviews, critical articles to magazines; Winner of \$1,000.00 prize for best short story in 'Liberty Magazine', 1939. Home, 393 Bleecker Street, New York City."

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, advised [redacted] that a DOROTHY VAN DOREN was a speaker in June, 1933, before the Liberal Club of College of the City of New York; the policies of which club were alleged to adhere to the Communist Party line at this time. A DOROTHY VAN DOREN is also noted as a contributor to the Associated League for A Declared War which

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was formed in July, 1941, with the announced purpose of engaging in propaganda to lead the United States Government to declare formally that a state of war existed between the United States and Germany, according to a statement filed with the Registration Section of the Department of Justice.

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[redacted] Superintendent at this address advised that there was no person of this name presently residing there and that none of the present tenants have resided at this address for more than five or six years. He advised that a [redacted] had been the owner of the house in 1937.

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Attempts to interview [redacted] were unsuccessful due to his absence from the city on vacation.

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The February, 1937 issue of the "American Socialist", monthly listed a D. P. BERENBERG, 21 East 17th Street, New York City, as a member of its editorial staff. The address given was that of the business office of the magazine. This magazine was described as "the official theoretical organ of the Socialist Party of the USA" and contained severe criticism of the Communist Party, USA.

The June 12, 1938 issue of the "Modern Monthly" published at New York City, carried a DAVID P. BERENBERG as an Associate Editor. This magazine was described as "an independent journal of radical opinion" and was distributed at a meeting in New York City, in 1938, which had been sponsored by the Left-Wing branch of the Socialist Party and the Trotskyite Party.

[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, advised that he was associated in 1937 and 1938 with the two magazines, mentioned above, and stated however that he had never resided at [redacted] or any similar address and that he did not know SMEDLEY personally and had never received any communication from her.

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At New York City

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Will contact [redacted] telephone [redacted]
for any information which would tend to identify the [redacted] who, in 1937,
resided at [redacted], New York City, then owned by [redacted]

Will continue to follow the activities of SMEDLEY through informants
familiar with Communist activities in this area.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA James T. O'Brien, dated September 19, 1949 at New York, are as follows:

Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

September 15, 1949

AGNES SMEDLEY, was
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

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DATE: September 22, 1949

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
 (THE RICHARD SORGE CASE)
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 (Bureau file ~~61-6488~~)

Re: Report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN dated May 27, 1949, at New York and captioned "AGNES SMEDLEY, was."

This office has been unable to locate any information identifiable with [redacted] Rivera, California, who in referenced report is stated to have corresponded with subject on March 16, 1949. However, considerable information has been located, and will be reported below, relative to one ERNEST WOLFRED BRUNDIN, 8145 Passons Boulevard, Rivera, California. (U)

The records of the Norwalk Substation, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, were checked on August 19, 1949, by SA [redacted] and revealed that one ERNEST W. BRUNDIN lives on an orange ranch located at 8145 Passons Boulevard, Rivera, California.

SA [redacted] Postmaster, Rivera, California, advised SA [redacted] on August 19, 1949, that ERNEST WOLFRED BRUNDIN has lived at 8145 Passons Boulevard, Rivera, California for the last five or six years. With him at this address are the following persons:

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ERNEST W. BRUNDIN executed an affidavit of registration at the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters on March 30, 1944, which reflects that he then resided at 8145 Passons Boulevard, Rivera, California, that he was a nurseryman by profession, and that he was born in Sweden. He stated that he was 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, was a Democrat by preference, and that he is a United States citizen by virtue of the naturalization of PER W. BRUNDIN, his father.

The records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association were checked by SE [redacted] on September 2, 1949, and revealed considerable information regarding ERNEST WOLFRED BRUNDIN, of which the following items may be of interest:

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BRUNDIN was 53 years old in 1941. He is part owner and general manager of the Chemiculture Company, 525 North Poplar, Montebello, California, a concern engaged in growing plants hydroponically. Prior to 1943, BRUNDIN lived at this address. He is also listed as manager for the last fifteen years of the Federal Petroleum Company, Bakersfield, California.

From a review of the Los Angeles indices, the following additional information has been revealed: One [redacted], subject of a loyalty investigation, listed as a reference, [redacted] b7C [redacted], Montebello, California (10 years)." In an earlier personal history statement executed by [redacted] at the Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, California, he lists as a reference, "E. W. BRUNDIN, nurseryman, 525 Poplar Street, Montebello."

Page 44 per nm/1 LTR dtd 3/16/43 mab 4/20/43
The Zone Intelligence Office, Eleventh Naval District, has advised this office that on December 9, 1948, [redacted] sent a Western Union telegram to [redacted] P.W. Metal Shop, N.O.T.S., Inyokern, California," which read as follows: "L.A. til Monday. Bring [redacted] (SP) for week-end. Call me [redacted]." The telegram is signed [redacted]. b7C [redacted] has been reported to be a member of the Communist Party in Seattle, b2 Washington, and the telephone number [redacted] has been identified as the unlisted telephone number of [redacted] b7D Long Beach, California. One [redacted] has been identified as a member of the Communist Party in the Los Angeles area (CNDI [redacted] May, 1947). U

It is interesting to note that the Intelligence Album lists the name "BRUNDIN" as an alias of AGNES SMEDLEY, and therefore the possibility may be entertained that SMEDLEY is related to the ERNEST WALFRED BRUNDIN family. It is further noted that SMEDLEY is of Swedish extraction as are the BRUNDINS. (S) (U)

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SAC, New York City

October 5, 1949

Director, FBI

AGNES SMEDLEY, was
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien, New York, dated May 27, 1949, in this case.

It is noted that on pages 44 and 45 certain leads were set out for the New York Office, including those suggested in Bureau letter dated March 2, 1949, in this case.

Further reference is made to the reports of Special Agent James T. O'Brien, New York, dated July 18 and September 19, 1949, in which these leads were not restated.

You are instructed in future reports to restate all of the undeveloped leads in this case for your office and all auxiliary offices until such time as these leads are covered. This will facilitate the supervision of this investigation by your office as well as at the Seat of Government.

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September 30, 1949

Director, FBI

from
AGNES SMEDLEY, was.,
(RICHARD SORGE CASE)
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Pursuant to your request, there is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of the income tax return of Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, for the year 1945.

For your information, the Bureau has been advised that the income tax return for the year 1943 is no longer available. The income tax returns for the years 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1947 will be made available to you upon their receipt by the Bureau.

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SAC, Albany

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Director, FBI

ACNES SMEDLEY, was
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Re report Special Agent [redacted] dated at Albany,
New York August 4, 1949.

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The Albany and New York Offices are instructed to delete the words "Referred Upon Completion To The Office of Origin" on page two and the words "Administrative Page" from the top of page three of this report, and add the words "Referred Upon Completion To The Office of Origin" to the bottom of page three.

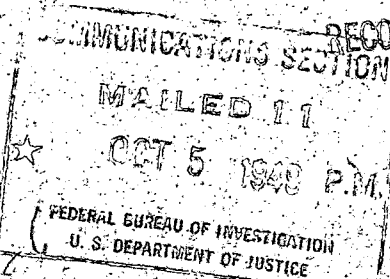
These corrections are being made since the report in its entirety contains substantive information. These corrections have been made in this report at the Seat of Government.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

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Agnes Smedley

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to a letter dated June 17, 1949, signed by former Attorney General, Tom C. Clark addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, or Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York, for the years 1942 to 1948, inclusive, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of your Department.

Certain income tax returns for the earlier years have been destroyed under authority of an Act of Congress. Any return that may have been filed by Agnes Smedley for the year 1943 is no longer available.

There is enclosed a photostatic copy of the income tax return of Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, for the year 1945.

Your request for photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Agnes Smedley for the years 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1947 will be made the subject of a separate communication.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:IW-P-KO.

Very truly yours,

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BY REGISTERED MAIL

To: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
The Pentagon

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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DATE *10/28/84*

Washington, D. C. Attention: Chief
Security and Training Group

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JOHN S. SMOLLY, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bureau file 61-6580)

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ON *6-15-93*

Reference is made to your letter of September 12, 1949.

Partners of rgh
U Per Army LTR
3/30/83
Our files contain no information which can be identified with the Smollenoff mentioned in your letter of reference. It would be appreciated greatly if you could forward such further information as might assist us in locating him for an interview as suggested by you. *U.S.*

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Director, FBI

AGNES SMEDLEY, was
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(Bureau file 61-6580)

The following quoted communication has been received
from the Intelligence Division of the Army: *U*

"Information has been received from General
Headquarters, Far East Command, to the effect that
one Emilianoff (FNU), a Russian National, now
believed to be a resident of the United States, and
formerly an inspector of the [redacted]

[redacted] has considerable
information on the activities of Agnes Smedley, who
operated with the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai
during the period 1929-1936. *U*

"It is requested that an attempt be made to contact
the above person in an effort to obtain any information
he may have on the activities of Agnes Smedley while she
was operating with the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai
during the above-mentioned period, and that the ID, GSUSA
be informed of the results of your contact with Emilianoff." *U*

[An attempt is being made to obtain further identifying infor-
mation concerning Emilianoff in order that he may be located and
interviewed.] In the meantime it is suggested that you check your
office indices and other readily available sources in an attempt to
ascertain his present whereabouts. *U*

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The Bureau has been advised that the records of the Bureau of Internal Revenue for the second and fourteenth internal revenue collection districts do not disclose income tax returns for Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York; Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York; nor care A. A. Knopf and Company, New York City, for the years 1942, 1944, 1946, 1947 and 1948.

This is for your information.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Agnes Smedley

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to a letter dated June 17, 1949, signed by former Attorney General Tom C. Clark, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York or Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York, for the years 1942 to 1948, inclusive, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of your Department.

The records of the Bureau for the second and fourteenth internal revenue collection districts of New York do not disclose income tax returns for Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York, nor in c/o A. A. Knopf and Company, New York, New York, for the years 1942, 1944, 1946, 1947 and 1948.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:IW:P-KO.

Very truly yours,

Fred S. Martin

Acting Commissioner

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 7, 1949

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
 (THE RICHARD SORGE CASE)
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R
 Bufile 61-6488

Re New York letter dated August 26, 1949, captioned as above.

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[redacted] was interviewed on October 3, 1949, by Special Agents [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] stated that he had interviewed Miss SMEDLEY about five times while on his journalistic tour of China in 1938, and had no information concerning SMEDLEY not already known to the public. According to [redacted] while he was in contact with SMEDLEY the question of pro-Soviet connections never occurred to him and if such connections existed at all, they were obscured by the general public concern over the problem of China's defeating Japan. He described SMEDLEY as a non-conformist and champion of underprivileged or suppressed groups, but could not conceive of her as a servant of, or an agent provocateur for, the Soviets. He also added that in his opinion SMEDLEY was so well known and such an object of curiosity that she could hardly have functioned as a clandestine Soviet agent.

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[redacted] was very friendly and cooperative, but aside from the above statement he was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning SMEDLEY.

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SAC, New York

Director, FBI

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There are attached hereto three copies each of pages 16 and 20, of the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien, New York City, dated July 18, 1949, as changed at the Seat of Government. These pages should be inserted in your copies of this report. These pages have been inserted in the Bureau's copies at the Seat of Government.

For your information, paragraph three on page 16 was changed to conceal the identity of the mail cover source. This source was designated as Confidential Informant [] Confidential Informant [] was added to page 20, which is the confidential informant page. (U)

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You should also delete from your copies of the report dated July 18, 1949, [the last sentence in the synopsis which refers to a mail cover.] (U)

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: October ~~10~~, 1949

To:



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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to my memorandum of August 5,
1949.

There are transmitted herewith for your information
single copies of the following investigative reports:

Report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien, dated July 18,
1949, at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent  dated August 4,
1949, at Albany, New York.

Report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien, dated September 19,
1949, at New York, New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher

FROM : V. P. Keay

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: September 20, 1949

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On September 14, 1949, Mr. Jessop, State Department advised Special Agent R. W. Lawrence that by letter, dated April 4, 1949, the Bureau furnished to [] of the State Department certain information concerning Agnes Smedley. [] has now requested that the Bureau furnish to the State Department all information in Bureau files concerning Agnes Smedley in the event there is more than was contained in previous letters to the State Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the Bureau has conducted extensive investigation in this case, it is suggested this memorandum be routed to Mr. Whitson for the preparation of a summary for the State Department.

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TO:

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D. M. Ladd - Rm. 5736

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : V. P. Keay *VPK*
 SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: September 20, 1949

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Information was received from [redacted] in the Passport Division of the State Department on September 12, 1949 that Agnes Smedley is presently applying for a new passport for travel to England and possibly to Italy or France. The indicated purpose of this travel is research and to write a book. The application is pending at the present time. *W. L. [unclear]*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested this memorandum be routed to Mr. Whitson for his information. *[unclear]*

RWL:iml *iml*

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October 17, 1949

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RE: AGNES Smedley, with aliases
Agnes Brundin, Marie A. Rogers,
Alice Bird, Mrs. Petroikos

Agnes Smedley is presently residing at Madison Landing, Palisades,
Rockland County, New York. (61-6580-39)

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On June 6, 1945, when [redacted] a free lance writer, was
arrested for unlawfully having in his possession confidential govern-
ment documents, he had among his effects a list of names including that
of Agnes Smedley, Tadoo, Saratoga Springs, New York.

(100-267360-547 p.17)

Agnes Smedley was listed in June, 1945, as having been brought
to the Samuel Adams School, Boston, Massachusetts, for lectures. The
Samuel Adams School is included in a list of organizations cited by the
Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(94-4-1525, section 7, serial 625 p.1)

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On August 3, 1945, [redacted] Chinese Communist representa-
tive to the San Francisco Conference, and his assistant, [redacted]
arrived at Saratoga Springs, New York, and were met by Agnes Smedley.
They were taken to Tadoo, Saratoga Springs, New York. From that date
until the date of their departure on August 5, 1945, these Chinese were
house guests of Agnes Smedley.

(100-203581-4604)

On September 2, 1945, Agnes Smedley appeared on a radio pro-
gram in New York City sponsored by the "Chicago Round Table of the
Air." Throughout this program she vehemently upheld Russia's inten-
tions in the Far East and as evidence of Russia's good intentions cited
the Russo-Chinese Treaty in which Russia agreed not to interfere in
the affairs of China. (61-6580-14 p12 & serial 17)

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On September 21, 1945, it was reliably reported that Agnes
Smedley was in contact with [redacted] who was one of the three
Chinese Communist delegates to the San Francisco Conference. (U)

(100-203581-4848)

Agnes Smedley is known to have contributed funds to the
National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Incorporated. This
organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within
the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(61-6580-16 p.4 & serial 61 p.14)

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NOTE: The above summary includes only such information as has been verified
by the Bureau through investigation. The memorandum has been limited
to those items pursuant to the Director's instructions as contained
in a memorandum from the Executives Conference to the Director dated
October 3, 1949, which related to the dissemination of information in
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TO : MR. FLETCHER *#437*

FROM : MR. WHITSON

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases
 Agnes Brudin, Marie A. Rogers,
 Alice Bird, Mrs. Petroikas

DATE: October 17, 1949

Mr. Tolson ☒

Mr. Clegg ☒

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Mr. Ladd ☒

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Mr. Tracy ☒

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The State Department has advised that Agnes Smedley has applied for a passport for travel to England and possibly to Italy or France for the purpose of research and to write a book. The application is pending at the present time and the State Department has requested information concerning Smedley as reflected in the files of this Bureau.

There is attached hereto a summary memorandum on Agnes Smedley. This memorandum contains only that information which has been verified by the Bureau. Her organizational activities are restricted to those organizations cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 9835. The Sorge material is not included since it originated from the Army and has not been verified by the Bureau. This material has been furnished to the State Department by the Army.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached summary be made available to of the State Department, who has requested that he be furnished with information in Bureau files concerning Smedley. If you approve, this summary memorandum should be delivered to by the Liaison Section.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. WHITSON *ME*
 FROM : E. M. GREGG *EMG*
 SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R
 Bureau file #61-6580

DATE: October 21, 1949

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Attached hereto is a single photostatic copy of an article by Agnes Smedley which appeared on pages 1 and 3 of Volume I, number 52 of the "National Guardian, the progressive newsweekly" dated at New York, New York, on October 10, 1949.

Recommendation:

It is suggested this be made a part of the case file in this matter for possible future reference.

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The epic of 38 years

From Sun Yat-sen to the Chinese People's Republic

By Agnes Smedley

THIRTY-EIGHT years ago today, on Oct. 10, 1911, the first Chinese Republic was established. And now in Peking Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of the father and first President of the 1911 Chinese Republic, has stood before the assembly of patriots of every class and station that founded the Chinese People's Republic and stated its objectives in these words:

"Let us devote ourselves to the struggle to prevent the destruction of civilization and to guarantee the enjoyment of life by every person in the world. We shall never stop working until every cottage is rebuilt into a comfortable home, until produce flows freely over the good earth, until profits of factories are fairly distributed. We shall not attain our goal until these necessities are available to all people alike, regardless of race, color, belief and areas."

Such are the goals of China today—the land that our own and Chinese reactionaries tried to make a major battleground in a third World War. The victories of the Chinese revolution have already tipped the scales of history.

33 YEARS OF STUPIDITY:

To prevent our people from understanding what has happened, the U.S. press and radio and government spokesmen describe the People's Republic as a calamity. If we recognize it, they tell us quite baldly, we will do so only with the intention of destroying it from within. In any case we will only recognize it after it agrees to assume all responsibilities of its predecessor. Its predecessor, Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang dictatorship, was a quivering regime that would sign anything for American money.

Our policy and propaganda on China sound like a worn-out phonograph record of 1911 vintage. A study of newspapers of that period reveals the startling fact that our press and government received the 1911 revolution exactly as they are receiving the new China of 1949.

Only the names, dates, and terms of opprobrium have changed. Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his followers were referred to as "crackpots, cranks, sore-heads, Cantonese theorists, impractical visionaries, and disappointed office-seekers."

THE BANKS & DR. SUN: In 1911 also, our own and other foreign governments, together with the great banking corporations which had forced and were continuing to force—loans on China, refused to recognize the new Republic unless it assumed responsibility for all treaties and agreements entered into

by its predecessor. That predecessor—the decrepit and corrupt Manchu dynasty—had, like the Kuomintang regime, existed by the grace and money-bags of foreign imperialism.

Because Dr. Sun Yat-sen was an incorruptible patriot and a revolutionary democrat, foreign bankers and governments forced him to resign as President in favor of their own chosen "strong man" who, within the next four years, destroyed the Republic and proclaimed himself Emperor. He was overthrown by the Chinese people in the 1915-16 revolution.

This process of aborting the Chinese Revolution was repeated time and again from 1911 onward. Today our government plans to repeat history, if possible, though history never repeats itself exactly.

THEY WON'T BE MOVED: Chinese revolutionists of 1949 have learned from history. Mao Tze-tung, Chairman of the new Chinese People's Republic, has repeatedly written words that are now engraved on the hearts of the new China: that the Chinese people have carried on a bloody struggle for liberation for 100 years but were beaten down time and again. Yet they repeatedly arose and "prevented the whole of China from being over-run by imperialism. The Chinese people will not be subdued."

The Chinese People's Liberation Army and the new People's Republic are the spiritual heirs of 100 years of bloody struggle. Older leaders of the government, including Chairman Mao and General Chu Teh, commander-in-chief of the army, actually fought in the 1911 revolution and in every liberation struggle from that time to the present day.

Tens of thousands of others in the Liberation Army were among the founders of the old Chinese Red Army, organized by Mao and Chu Teh following Chiang Kai-shek's betrayal of the Revolution in 1927. That army fought in south China for the next eight years, always organizing, arming, and educating the peasants and workers, and introducing the first democratic institutions among the common people—including civil rights and equal suffrage.

22-YEAR EPIC: In October, 1934, the Chinese Red Army made the epic Long March to the northwest, to get astride the route of advance of Japanese imperialism which had begun the conquest of China three years before. One hundred thousand men left south China, fought almost every step of the way over 10,000 miles.

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Newsweekly

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Agnes Smedley

From Sun Yat-sen to the new Republic

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crossed great rivers and mountain ranges covered with eternal snow. One year later they emerged in the northwest with 40,000 survivors to begin the war of national and racial survival.

These 40,000 veterans became the iron core of the 8th Route Army. Another 11,000 Red guerrillas from south China became the core of the New 4th Army. Together these two armies fought the Japanese for eight long years.

THE NEW DAY: During the second World War, Chiang Kai-shek tried to starve these revolutionary armies to death by a military blockade while the Japanese decimated them on the battlefield. Instead of letting themselves be starved and decimated, they rooted themselves in the common people and developed the greatest production and study movement in human

history. Into vast areas inhabited by 100,000,000 people they introduced democratic institutions, industrial and consumer cooperatives, and schools of every variety.

In infinite patience they educated their people in general, cultural, political and military subjects. When the second World War ended they had over 1,000,000 regular troops and 3,000,000 civilian "Minute Men." When Chiang Kai-shek, abetted and supported by America, began the civil war to keep his dictatorship in power, U.S. and Chinese reactionaries happily declared that the "dread Chinese Reds" would be exterminated within six months.

THE NEW PEOPLE: Last January uncomprehending correspondents and other foreigners saw the finest army in Chinese history—an army equipped with American weapons captured in battle—march into the ancient capi-

tal, Peking, in solemn and disciplined ranks like men approaching a holy shrine.

When this army later occupied Shanghai, bastion of foreign imperialism for 100 years, its exhausted, mud-covered troops did not even occupy empty houses. They slept in long exhausted columns along the cement pavements of that cruel city.

"Fanatics," our press calls this dedicated army. Now they are moving against Canton, one of the few remaining strongholds of Chinese and foreign reaction, while a Kuomintang UN delegate defames his people and nation by declaring that the Chinese Revolution is the creation of the Soviet Union.

AGNES SMEDLEY, author of four books on China (the last: *Battle Hymn of China*), is now completing another. She spent 12 years in China as a newspaper correspondent.



"The finest in China's history"

Equipped with American arms (captured) these soldiers of China's army of liberation marched into Peking last winter. They were quiet, even solemn—impressed with the destiny they carried with them.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Albany
 SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, Was.
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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DATE: October 13, 1949

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ReBulet 10/5/49, which stated that the report of SA [redacted] at Albany, New York, dated August 4, 1949, should be amended so that page 3 of this report be not considered an administrative page of the report.

An examination of page 3 of that report shows information contained in the New York State Income Tax Returns has been set out on page 3.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that in the state of New York, income tax returns and records are extremely confidential and can only be subpoenaed in connection with matters arising over income tax violations. There are no "loopholes" in the state law which would enable a court to subpoena income tax returns for any other purpose. Consequently, this is being called to your attention in the event you desire to amend the report again.

Also, for the future guidance of this office, it is requested that you advise if the information from the New York State Income Tax files is to be placed in the regular portion of the report, or if it should remain in the administrative pages of the report.

An early reply is requested since this office receives many leads and the coverage of same in report form will be held in abeyance, pending the reply.

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Director, FBI

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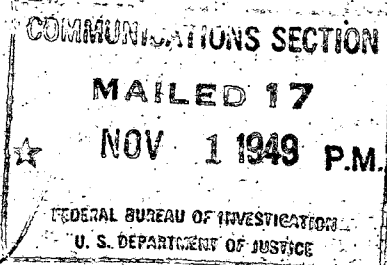
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The Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, United States Department of the Treasury, has advised that a further check of their records disclosed an income tax return for Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, for the year 1947. A photostatic copy of that return is enclosed herewith for your information.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General

Agnes Smedley

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to a letter dated June 17, 1949, signed by former Attorney General Tom C. Clark, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, or Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York, for the years 1942 to 1948, inclusive, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of your Department.

A further check of the records of the Bureau discloses an income tax return for Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, for the year 1947, filed in the third internal revenue collection district of New York. A photostatic copy of the return is enclosed.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:IW:P-KO.

Very truly yours,

Frederick C. Schuman
Commissioner

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November 29, 1949

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Reference is made to the memorandum from the Albany
Office dated May 27, 1949.

Information concerning the association of Agnes Smedley
and Col. Frank Dorn was made available to the Army. In answer, the
Intelligence Division of the Army has now advised that Col. Dorn served in
China under General Joseph Stilwell from 1934 to 1938, as a language
student and Assistant Military Attache, during which time he claims to
have used Agnes Smedley as a source of information. The Intelligence
Division of the Army has advised that no record can be found, either in
the files of that Division or the National Archives, to confirm the
statement of Colonel Dorn that he used Smedley officially as a source of
information, but pointed out that this should not be construed as
evidence that he did not so use her inasmuch as the records of that
period are not entirely accurate or complete, nor is it certain that
Colonel Dorn would have identified his sources in reports submitted by
him. *U*

Copies of correspondence relating to the Army inquiry
concerning Colonel Dorn's association with Agnes Smedley are transmitted
herewith for the information of your office and offices receiving
copies of this communication. *U*

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Date: December 27, 1949
To: Director of Intelligence
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The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Lieutenant Colonel Paul G. Cramer, GSC
Chief, Operations Branch

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation

Subject: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
(The Richard Sorge Case)
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to your memorandum of November
14, 1949.

A review of our files fails to indicate addi-
tional pertinent information not previously made available
to you which can be identified with the following individuals
mentioned in your memorandum of reference: 4 per Army LTR dtd
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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SMEDLEY continues to reside at the home of [redacted], Palisades, New York. Was active on behalf of the American Continental Congress for World Peace which took place in Mexico City, 9/5/49. [redacted] former CP Organizer and reporter for the Pan-Pacific Bureau of the Communist Party, states he met **SMEDLEY** in Shanghai in 1932 or 1933. He believed her to be a "trusted party member", but at a later date for an unexplained reason he was instructed to have no further contact with her. An informant familiar with activities of the Chinese Communists in the New York area, states he believes **SMEDLEY** is a liaison agent for the Chinese CP and the New York Chinese Communist group, but is unable to furnish any concrete evidence of same.

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Report of SA **JAMES T. O'BRIEN** at New York, 9/19/49
Bureau file 61-6580

DETAILS: 239049

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on October 17, 1949, that the subject continues to reside at the home [redacted] at Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York.

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[redacted] New York City, advised that he was a member of the Communist Party from 1924 to 1937. He served as a paid organizer for the Communist Party in the United States and part of this time he was also employed in Shanghai and in Manila, P.I., as a reporter for the Pan-Pacific Bureau of the Communist Party. When interviewed, he was hazy concerning the exact dates of the various activities he engaged in, but advised that sometime in 1932 or 1933, he met AGNES SMEDLEY in Shanghai, China. At that time he considered her a "trusted party member".)

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SMEDLEY read [redacted] poems and wrote letters to "The Nation" and "New Republic" trying to get them published. [redacted] visited SMEDLEY'S home in the French Concession in Shanghai. Through her he met Madame ~~SUN YAT SEN~~, the leader of the anti-Kuomintang faction. He recalled that SUN YAT SEN, about this time, wanted to celebrate the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, but she knew that she was being continually followed by the Chinese police.

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[redacted] recalled that he met SMEDLEY at Shanghai on the anniversary of the Russian Revolution, picked up Madame SUN TAT SEN in a cab, and proceeded to SMEDLEY'S house for a celebration of the anniversary of the Russian Revolution. At SMEDLEY'S home, [redacted] recalled meeting a heavy set woman of German descent. On a later trip to Russia by boat this woman was a fellow passenger. He was under the impression that she was an intermediary between the Russian Communist Party and the Chinese Communist Party, but could furnish no evidence on which to base this belief or any other further identifying information concerning her.

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[redacted] stated that during the period of his acquaintance with SMEDLEY he did not suspect that she was engaged in espionage work or acted as an agent in any way for the party in Shanghai. When he returned to China, however, at a later date, the party warned him not to contact her. [redacted] speculated that this was either because SMEDLEY was being used in a confidential capacity, or because the party no longer trusted her. He recalled that one of the party functionaries told him that SMEDLEY was using poison ink and that a person would have to wear gloves when reading her letters to prevent poisoning.

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Sometime early in 1935, [redacted] travelled to Moscow. When returning to the country at Vladivostok, he was involved in difficulties with the Russian authorities because he had brought in a record player and some records from SMEDLEY to be given to a friend of SMEDLEY in Moscow. [redacted] stated that the Russians apparently suspected that there were coded messages of some kind in these records.)



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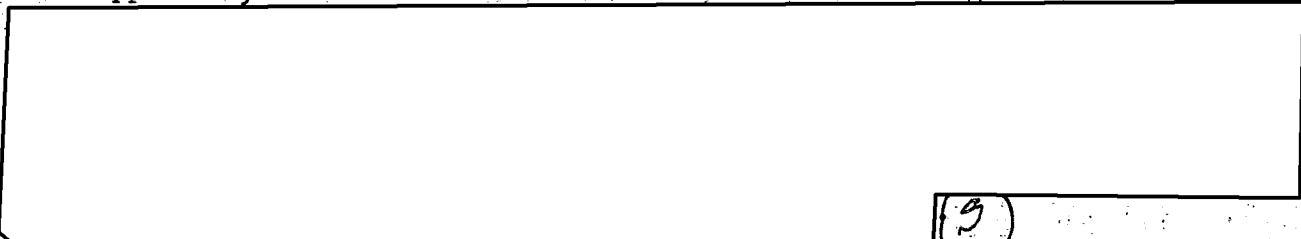
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[Confidential Informant  of known reliability, who is familiar with the activities of the Chinese section of the Communist Party in the New York area, advised that it was his opinion that SMEDLEY was a liaison agent between the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Section of the American Communist Party in New York City. However, he was unable to offer any concrete evidence to support this opinion.] (U) b2 b7D

[Confidential Informant  of unknown reliability, advised that while on a journalistic tour of China  he had interviewed SMEDLEY on several occasions. He stated that he had acquired no information concerning SMEDLEY which was not generally known. He stated that while in contact with SMEDLEY the question of "pro-Soviet" connections never occurred to him and that if such connections existed at all, they were obscured by the general public concern over the problem of China's defeating Japan. He described SMEDLEY as a non-conformist and a champion of groups which she believed to be underprivileged or suppressed, but he found it hard to think of her as an agent of the Soviets.] (U) b2 b7D

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The records of the International House, Columbia University, New York City, failed to reflect any record of [redacted] for the period 1942 to the present. It will be recalled that he was reported residing here in 1944. The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were negative with reference to [redacted]

[redacted], Superintendent of the premises at [redacted] Street, New York City, reported as the residence of [redacted] in 1944, advised that there was no person of this name presently residing at this address and that he had not been superintendent in 1944.

[redacted], New York City, advised that he had been the owner of [redacted] in 1944 and 1945. He stated that there definitely was no tenant by the name of [redacted] at that time at this address, and that this person was probably a roomer in one of the apartments since there have been quite a few Chinese persons in this apartment house in that capacity. The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were negative in regard to [redacted]

At [redacted] Long Island, New York, [redacted] advised that she recalled a woman named [redacted] who resided with the family above her by the name of [redacted]. She stated that the [redacted] are apparently relatives of [redacted] is a teacher at Columbia University.

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The following is quoted from a memo dated July 18, 1949,
submitted by SA [redacted] (U)

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"Snedens Landing is a secluded and small settlement located on the side of the Palisades between Route 9W and the Hudson River. The geographical location of the [redacted] house does not lend itself to the development of informant coverage. Access to Snedens Landing is had by one road from Route 9W. " (U)

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Check to W per army ltr dtd 3/30/43 mfg 420.43
[By letter dated October 13, 1949, the Bureau advised that information had been received from the Intelligence Division of the Army that one EMILIANOFF, a Russian national, now believed to be a resident of the United States and formerly an inspector of the [redacted] in Shanghai, had considerable information on the activities of SMEDLEY in Shanghai.] The files of the New York Office reflected the following information:

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In January, 1947, one [redacted] of the International Workers Order and resided at [redacted] Long Island, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability. (U)

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The same informant advised that in December, 1947, WORENEKA and EVSEY EMILIANOW, born in 1899 and 1890 respectively, were members of International Workers Order Lodge 3065. (U)

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] was employed in 1944 as an agronomist in the Food Division of the Soviet Purchasing Commission at Washington, D.C. This man was born on July 15, 1906 in Russia, and entered the United States at Portland, Oregon, on May 12, 1944. (U) *per state dept ltr dtd 4/29/48 sp4 mfg 6 H. 90*

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on September 11, 1941, that from a review of the literature published by Anastase Vonsiatsky it appeared that he was supported by the United Russian National Organization of America, 4 Columbus Circle, one of the members of which was [redacted] VONSIATSKY was the publisher of [redacted] (U)

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"The Fascist" and a proponent of the Nazi and Fascist ideals. ~~C~~ (U)

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None of the other items received as a result of this mail cover appeared to pertain in any way to the investigation of the activities of SMEDLEY and they are accordingly being handled in connection with the case file of [REDACTED]. However, a mail cover on [REDACTED] at her place of employment, the China Aid Council, 1790 Broadway, is being placed. ~~C~~ (U)

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By letter dated October 5, 1949, the Bureau instructed that all undeveloped leads in this case beginning with the report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN dated May 27, 1949, at New York, should be restated both for the New York Office and all auxiliary offices until such time as these leads were covered. Therefore, one copy of this report has been designated for the Washington Field Office with leads for that office which were originally set out in the report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN dated May 27, 1949, at New York.

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LEADS

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At Washington, D.C.

*Will check State Department passport records to ascertain the dates of subject's travel abroad.

*Will place a request for notification with the State Department in the event a passport application is received from the subject in the future.

*Will check the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in an attempt to identify and locate one [] described as a Chinese engineer possibly from Hankow, China, who contacted SMEDLEY in New York in February of 1945. (U)

*Will contact informants familiar with Hungarian activities in an attempt to determine the significance of communications between SMEDLEY and the Hungarian Legation as reflected in the mail cover. (U)

*Will furnish background information on the following persons or organizations who were in communication with the subject: (U)

I. F. STONE, 5618 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D.C.
The Committee for the Nations Health, 1416 F Street,
N.W., Washington, D.C.

ERIC SEVEREID, c/o Columbia Broadcasting Corporation
Earl Building, Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities through informants familiar with Communist Party affairs.

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LEADS CONT'D.

Will re-interview [redacted] Apartment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] for any further information he may possess regarding SMEDLEY, for any suggested sources of information on informant regarding SMEDLEY'S activities in connection with the Chinese Section of the Communist Party, and for any information he may have as to the whereabouts of [redacted] b7C

Will contact an appropriate source at Columbia University for information regarding the background of [redacted] reported to be teaching at Columbia. b7C

*Will attempt to develop a source of information at the Ambassador Business Service, 17 East 48th Street, New York City, from whom SMEDLEY received mail on March 16, 1949. (U)

*Will further identify the following contacts of the subject: (U)

[redacted], telephone [redacted]
[redacted], telephone [redacted] (U) b7C

*Will obtain further information concerning the following contact of the subject: (U)

AYA ISHIGAKI. (U)

*Will obtain background information on [redacted] New York City. (U) b7C

*Will contact [redacted] telephone [redacted] for any information which would tend to identify the [redacted] who in 1937 resided at [redacted], New York City, which is owned by [redacted]. (U) b7C

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN at New York, New York, dated NOV 17 1949 are identified as follows: ~~(U)~~

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
Bureau File 61-6580

DATE: November 21, 1949

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ASAC Belmont of New York advised at 1:45 P.M. today that Smedley has been residing with [redacted] at Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York. Because of the location of this residence the only coverage which the New York Office was able to afford Smedley [redacted]. This morning, Mr. Belmont advised, a note was received from the [redacted] Palisades reporting that Smedley had left the United States on November 15. [redacted] reported that [redacted] had sent a letter to Smedley on November 15, 1949, addressed to her in care of [redacted].

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Mr. Belmont stated that immediately upon receiving this information the New York Office checked and found that Smedley had departed on board the S.S. America on November 15, 1949, occupying Cabin B52, tourist class. She is scheduled to arrive at Southampton, England, tomorrow, November 22, 1949.

Through the office of Cook's Tour through whom Smedley's passage was booked, New York learned that Smedley booked a one-way passage. The New York Office has not been able to determine thus far where Smedley is going.

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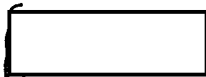
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AGNES SMEDLEY

Concerning information furnished to you today, it is noted that Agnes Smedley departed from the United States aboard the SS AMERICA on November 15, 1949, occupying Cabin 152, tourist class. She is scheduled to arrive at Southampton, England, November 28, 1949. She booked a one-way passage. There are indications that her address will be in care of

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cc - Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Ladd

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Transmitted herewith for your information is a photostatic copy of an income tax return filed by Agnes Smedley for the year 1946.

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The Honorable,

Attorney General

Agnes Smedley

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Further reference is made to a letter dated June 17, 1949, signed by former Attorney General, Tom C. Clark, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting uncertified photostatic copies of the income tax returns of Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, or Snedens Landing, Palisades, New York, for the years 1942 to 1948, inclusive, for use in connection with an official investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of your Department.

A further check of the records of the Bureau discloses an income tax return for Agnes Smedley, Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, for the year 1946, filed in the Third Internal Collection District of New York. A photostatic copy of the return is enclosed.

If further correspondence relative to this matter is necessary, please refer to IT:Rec:IW:P-KO.

Very truly yours,

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Date: November 22, 1949

To:



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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AGNES SNEEDLEY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Agnes Sneedley departed the United States from the port of New York on November 15, 1949, aboard the E. S. America, occupying cabin B52, tourist class. She is scheduled to arrive at Southampton, England, on November 22, 1949.

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Information was previously received indicating that she desired to travel to England and possibly to Italy or France for the purpose of research in the preparation of a book.

Any information coming to your attention concerning Agnes Sneedley while abroad would be appreciated by this Bureau.

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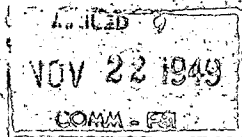
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It is requested that the Washington Field Office obtain and forward to the Bureau and New York photostatic copies of Agnes Sneedley's recent application for a United States passport together with such additional information contained in the files of the United States Department of State as has not been reported previously.

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WASHINGTON AND NEWYORK FROM WASH FIELD 11-23-49 12:25 PM ROUTINE
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AGNES ^① SMEDLEY, WAS, IS - R. RENTREP DATED NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, WHEREIN LEADS WERE RESTATED FOR ATTENTION OF WFO. ABOVE NYREP STATED THAT THESE LEADS WERE ORIGINALLY SET OUT IN REPORT OF SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN, DATED MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST. THE FILE OF SUBJECT IN THIS OFFICE DOES NOT SHOW THAT REPORT OF SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN DATED MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY WFO. WFO FILE DOES NOT REFLECT RECEIPT OF ANY PRIOR REPORTS FROM NY OFFICE, HOWEVER, REPORT OF SA [REDACTED] DATED JUNE NINETEEN, FORTYFIVE AT ALBANY, NY, HAS BEEN RECEIVED. NY REQUESTED TO FORWARD REPORT OF SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN DATED MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST TO WFO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER SERIALS WHICH MIGHT BE PERTINENT TO THE INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THIS OFFICE.

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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum of May 5, 1949.

Information similar to that set forth in the Bureau
memorandum of reference was made available [redacted]

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 30, 1949

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was
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Rebulet November 25, 1949.

A report, dated November 17, 1949, was submitted to the Bureau in this matter

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used in a confidential capacity by the Party. These were his own beliefs. The Party told him that she was using poison ink and he had to read her letters with gloves to prevent poisoning.

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[] said that he decided that he wanted to write a book on Japan and went there ... sometime after March, 1934 ...

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[] made notes on child labor in Japan. He went to Korea and gave a speech in a high school denouncing the Korean police. The police made him return to Japan and forced him to go back to China. When he arrived in Shanghai the Japanese police still followed him. He wrote a manuscript entitled "Eyes on Japan." ...

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"Smedley became so keen on the manuscript written by [] on Japan that she wrote to Moscow to help him get it published ...

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"He ... decided to go back to Moscow to have his manuscript on Japan published ... [] went as a passenger aboard the Russian ship North Star. The German woman he had previously met at Smedley's house was aboard this ship as well as the Chinese Ambassador to Moscow.

"When he arrived in Vladivostok he was detained by the Russian authorities ... he was involved in difficulty with the Russian authorities because he had brought a record player and some records from Smedley which were intended to be given to a friend of Smedley in Moscow. The Russians suspected that the records contained coded messages from Smedley. At any rate, the Russians confiscated the records and a number of personal things he also had with him ..."

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Subsequently [] returned to the United States and rejoined the Communist Party in 1935. He was given an assignment to work on the American Friends of China organization and publication with headquarters on 23rd Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. After being active for six or eight months at the Friends of China, he was approached by a responsible official of the Communist Party at the headquarters in New York City. He was told that they needed someone [] the Chinese Communist Party paper.

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[] said that he and his wife drove to California. He was under instructions to tear up his Communist Party card and all Communist identification. He was told it was necessary for the Communists to disown him completely. He was forbidden to attend any Party meetings and was told to stay completely away from any Communist acquaintances. He was warned never to contact Agnes Smedley as she was reported to be against the Party and was said to be using poison ink previously referred to.

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"[] recalled that either [] or the woman previously referred to as [] told him about Smedley."

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that the above be made a part of the case file in this matter.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2210 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Colonel Robert Schow

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to our memorandum of November 22, 1949.

Informants have advised that Agnes Smedley stated she intends to reside in England for the next four or five months to finish a book on which she is working, but that her subsequent plans are indefinite, although she may go to China. (U)

The above is furnished for your confidential information and should receive no further dissemination.

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TO : L. Whitson *FW*
 FROM : E. M. Gregg *EMG*
 SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was.
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PURPOSE:

To set forth information of interest concerning Agnes Smedley received through the interrogation of [redacted] former member of the Communist Party.

BACKGROUND:

[redacted] was., was interviewed first on March 30, 1949, by Agents of the New York Office. He admitted joining the Communist Party in 1924 or 1925, and in lengthy interviews, related the story of his work in Europe, Russia and the Far East as a member of the Communist Party. As set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated November 15, 1949, at New York City, captioned, [redacted] was., INTERNAL SECURITY - C," [redacted] furnished the following information concerning Agnes Smedley:

[redacted] later (apparently in 1933) met Agnes Smedley in Shanghai. At that time she was a trusted Party member. She read his poems and wrote letters to the 'Nation' and the 'New Republic' trying to get them published. [redacted] visited Smedley in the French Concession in Shanghai. Through her he met Madam Sun Yat Sen. Sun Yat Sen wanted to celebrate the anniversary of the Russian Revolution but she knew she was being followed by the Chinese police. [redacted] through Smedley met two young doctors, [redacted] who is now in medical practice in Brooklyn, New York, and [redacted] nickname was [redacted] were not Communists, said [redacted] but he thought [redacted] became very interested in the Communist Party later. [redacted] name later was changed to [redacted] and he became the only American doctor in the red area in China. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] originally came from Virginia. [redacted] met Smedley on the anniversary of the Russian Revolution and picked up Madam Sun Yat Sen in a taxi cab and they sped to Smedley's house where they celebrated the anniversary. At Smedley's home he met a heavy set woman whom he described as of German descent. He later went to Russia on a boat with this woman. He believed that this woman was in the service of the Comintern. She was an intermediary between the Russian Communist Party and the Chinese Communist Party. He could not furnish anything further concerning this woman.

[redacted] did not suspect that Smedley was engaged in espionage or acted as an agent for the Communist Party in Shanghai. When he returned to China, however, at a later date the Party warned him not to contact Smedley. He believed that this might have been for two reasons--one, they did not trust Smedley, or, two, they wanted him to stay away from Smedley as she was being

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AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS., IS-R. RETELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF ASAC BELMONT
AND INSPECTOR LAUGHLIN AT BUREAU, NOV. TWENTYONE LAST. IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PREVIOUS BUREAU AUTHORIZATION, [REDACTED] AND ~~KAYAKO~~ ISHIGAKI WERE IN-
TERVIEWED AT NYO LATE YESTERDAY RE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED]
IN COURSE OF INTERVIEW, THEY ADVISED THEY WERE ACQUAINTANCES OF SMEDLEY
AND VERIFIED THAT SHE HAD DEPARTED FOR ENGLAND NOV. FIFTEEN LAST. THEY
STATED THAT SMEDLEY SAID SHE INTENDED TO RESIDE IN ENGLAND FOR THE NEXT
FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS TO FINISH A BOOK ON WHICH SHE IS WORKING AND THAT
HER PLANS AFTER THAT ARE INDEFINITE WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE WILL
GO TO CHINA. THE ISHIGAKIS STATED THAT SMEDLEY WAS TOO MUCH OF AN
INDIVIDUALIST TO BE A COMMUNIST, HAD EXPRESSED CONTEMPT FOR THE CP OF
AMERICA BUT WAS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORTER OF CHINESE REDS. COMPLETE
RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WILL BE SUBMITTED BY RPT IN NEAR FUTURE.

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Re: AGNES EMMEDLEY, was.

Concerning the purpose of Agnes Emedley's departure from the United States on November 15, 1949, en route to Southampton, England, informants have advised that she stated she intended to reside in England for the next four or five months in order to finish a book on which she is now working. These sources have reported that her subsequent plans are indefinite, but that she may go to China.

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cc: Legal Attache
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AGNES SMEDLEY, was
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Bureau File 61-6580
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Reference is made to Bureau memorandum to New York dated October 13, 1949, two copies of which are transmitted herewith for the information of the Washington Field Office.

b7C The Intelligence Division of the Army has now advised that their request for additional information has revealed nothing which would serve to further identify [redacted]. However, they have repeated their request that an attempt be made to locate him in the United States and interview him concerning his possible knowledge of Agnes Smedley and her activities. *U. S. Army*

It is suggested that the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the United States Department of State be checked by the Washington Field Office in an attempt to identify [redacted] and establish his present whereabouts. In this connection, your attention is also directed to pages 5 and 6 of the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien dated November 17, 1949, at New York City. *U. S. Army*

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cc - Wash. Field (Enc. 2)

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TO : Director, FBI

g/m FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 6, 1949

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This is to advise of information received in confidence from [redacted]

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[redacted] has advised that the [redacted] SMEDLEY in the near future to answer charges that SMEDLEY and others were engaged in a Soviet spy conspiracy in Japan as stated in a release by the Department of the Army.

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This is being furnished for your information and any additional information will be furnished promptly.

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SAC, New York

December 5, 1949

Director, FBI

AGNES SIEDLEY, was
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Bureau File 61-6580
New York File 100-68282

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien dated November 17, 1949, at New York.

Transmitted herewith for substitution in your copies of referenced report are three copies each of pages 2, 3, and 4. One copy each of pages 2, 3, and 4 is transmitted herewith for substitution in the copy distributed to the Washington Field Office.

Enclosure
cc - Wash. Field (Enclosure)

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Date: December 5, 1949

To: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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Attention: Chief, Security & Training Group.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Re: AGNES SIEDLEY, with aliases
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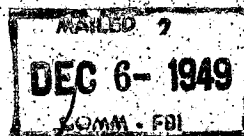
Reference is made to your memorandum of November 23, 1949.

From the very limited identifying information available, b7C
as yet we have not been able to identify the [] mentioned in
your memorandum of reference. However, we are continuing our efforts
in this connection and will advise you of any pertinent results thereof.

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December 6, 1949

SAC, New York

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AGNES SMEDLEY, was
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien dated September 19, 1949, at New York.

It is noted on page seven of the report of reference that a listing of approximately 362 toll calls from the telephone of [redacted] Palisades, New York, has been obtained. Although the report indicates that none of these calls can be connected with Agnes Smedley, it is suggested that the individuals to whom calls were made be identified and that their names be checked through the indices of field offices covering territory in which they reside.

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It is realized that a great expenditure of agents' time will be necessary to identify these individuals. However, because of the nature of this case, such would appear to be justified.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

FROM : L. WHITSON

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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DATE: December 6, 1949

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Purpose:

To set forth facts concerning the advisability of attempting to identify approximately 360 individuals to whom toll calls were made from the telephone of [redacted] Sneden's Landing, Palisades, New York.

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Background:

Until recently, Agnes Smedley, subject of this investigation, has maintained a residence at the home [redacted] Sneden's Landing, Palisades, New York.

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In the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien dated September 19, 1949, at New York, it was reported that a listing of approximately 360 toll calls, made from the telephone listed in the name of [redacted] during the period January 1, 1949, to August 15, 1949, had been obtained. The New York Office advised that inasmuch as none of these toll calls could be connected with Smedley, and because of the great expenditure of agents' time necessary to identify all of these listings, they were being retained in the file of the New York Office for future reference, but that no further action with respect to them was being taken at this time.

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Agnes Smedley, a well-known pro-Soviet apologist, is of particular interest to this Bureau because of her reported implication in the Sorge espionage network in China during the period 1930-32.

Status:

The Bureau's investigation of Agnes Smedley is presently in a pending status.

Recommendation:

It is suggested that the New York Office be directed to identify the individuals to whom these telephone calls were made, and that their names be checked through the indices of field offices covering territory in which they may reside. A memorandum to the New York Office to that effect is attached for your approval.

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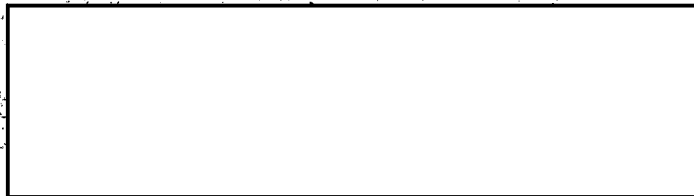
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Re: AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases
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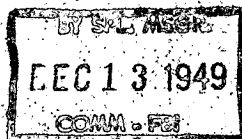
Reference is made to our memorandum of November 30, 1949.

We are advised that United States Passport No. 151962 was issued to Agnes Smedley on October 28, 1949, valid for one year for travel to the British Isles, France, and Italy. In making application for this passport, Agnes Smedley indicated that she expected to make a trip to the above countries for the purpose of doing research on a book that she is writing. As her address in England, she indicated that she could be contacted in care of [redacted] [redacted] London, S.W. 19.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

WASH AND NEWYORK FROM WASH FIELD 12-6-49 2:45 PM URGENT

DIRECTOR AND SAC

AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS, IS - R. REBULET NOV TWENTYTWO, LAST. FILES PASSPORT DIVISION, STATE DEPT, REFLECT SUBJECT APPLIED FOR PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO BRITISH ISLES, FRANCE AND ITALY ON SEPTEMBER EIGHT, LAST. STATE DEPT ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER ONE FIVE ONE NINE SIX TWO TO SUBJECT ON OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, VALID FOR ONE YEAR, FOR TRAVEL TO ABOVE COUNTRIES. HER APPLICATION REFLECTED SHE DESIRED TO DEPART FROM NEWYORK AS SOON AS PASSPORT WAS GRANTED AND PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO DO RESEARCH ON BOOK AND COMPLETION OF BOOK SHE SUPPOSEDLY IS WRITING. SHE ALSO LISTED HER TEMPORARY ADDRESS AS HOTEL CARTERET, TWO NAUGHT EIGHT WEST TWENTYTHIRD STREET, NYC. APPLICATION FURTHER REFLECTED HER FUTURE ADDRESS TO BE CARE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LONDON S.W. NINETEEN. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THIS PASSPORT APPLICATION HAVE BEEN REQUESTED OF STATE DEPT AND WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU AND NEWYORK AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM STATE DEPT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 14, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, was;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 61-6580)

Rebulet November 22, last requesting that Washington Field Office obtain photostatic copies of AGNES SMEDLEY's recent application for a U.S. passport.

In accordance with the above instructions enclosed herewith to the Bureau and also to the New York Office are two photostatic copies of passport application number 151962 and also two letters written by AGNES SMEDLEY to the United States State Department dated September 8, 1949. Investigation is continuing in this office to obtain additional information contained in the files of the State Department which has not been reported previously.

Enclosures:

cc: New York (Enc.) (100-68282)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
PASSPORT APPLICATION

FORM FOR NATIVE CITIZEN

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The legal fee for a passport is \$9, in currency or postal money order, and \$1 for execution of application.

The total fee is \$10. It is unnecessary to pay any other fee to any person in connection with the filling out or execution of this application or for obtaining the passport. All necessary information and guidance will be given applicant by the clerk of court or Passport Agent before whom this application must be executed. An application executed before any other official is not acceptable.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF N. Y.COUNTY OF N. Y.

Execute and attach PART TWO if members of family are to be included in passport

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I, Agnes Smedley

(Name in full)

a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES,

do hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport. I solemnly swear that I was born at Osgood, Sullivan, Missouri, on Feb. 23, 1892

(Town or city)

(Province or county)

(State or country)

(Date)

I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at Palisades, Rockland County, in Palisades, Rockland County, State of New York

(Street address)

(Town or city)

(State)

I have resided outside the United States as follows:

(State name of, and period of residence in, each foreign country)

Europe, chiefly Germany, from 1920 to 1929China, from 1929 to 1941

(Names of countries)

My father, Charles H. Smedley, was born at Columbus, Ohio

(Name)

on or about 1865 or 66 (approx.), and is now dead, (1936 - east Oklahoma)

(The following portion in this block to be filled in only by a person whose father was not born in the United States)

My father emigrated to the United States on or about 1, 1, resided

(Month)

(Year)

years continuously in the United States from 1 to 1, and was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the U. S. District Court, Court of the District of Columbiaat France & Italy, on France & Italy, 1

(City)

(State)

(Month and day)

(Year)

My mother, Sarah Ralls Smedley, was born at near Osgood, Mo.

(Name)

on or about 2, and is now dead

(The following portion in this block to be filled in only by a person whose mother was not born in the United States)

My mother emigrated to the United States on or about 1, 1, resided

(Month)

(Year)

years continuously in the United States from 1 to 1. She acquired citizenship in the United States by naturalization

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT

Height 5 feet, 6 inches.Hair light brown-grayEyes blue-grayDistinguishing marks or features none

(Note any marks or scars on hands or face by which applicant may be identified)

Place of birth Osgood, Mo.

(City and State)

Date of birth Feb. 23, 1892

(Month, day, and year)

Occupation Writer-journalist

MAILING ADDRESS

(Print complete address plainly)

Palisades,Rockland County,New York

(Do not use this space)

PASSPORT

SEP - 9 1949

My last American passport was obtained from Hong Kong on 1941 37437

(Insert Washington or location of issuing office)

(Date)

and is submitted herewith for cancellation

accompanying letter explains why
previous passport is not submitted

(Give disposition of passport if it cannot be submitted)

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Smedley Agnes
(To be printed in full by applicant for passport)
(Surname) (First name) (Middle name)

Hotel Carteret,
208 West 23rd St.,
New York City, N.Y.
Sept. 8, 1949

U. S. State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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The reason my former passport is not included with the present application is that [REDACTED] (Extension 3486 of the State Department) has informed my attorneys, Rogge, Fabricant, Gordon & Goldman, that my original application, sent by registered post on August 16, 1949, and containing my former passport, has been mislaid in the State Department or, for some reason, has not reached the Passport Division. My old passport was filed under the number 2311 A 733, or bore that number.

Respectfully,

Agnes Smedley

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Permanent address:
c/o [REDACTED]
Palisades,
Rockland County, N.Y.

Temporary address:
Hotel Carteret,
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U. S. State Department,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am applying for a passport to go abroad and have sent my old passport, No. 2311 A 733 to the Passport Division together with the required photographs and the \$10/ fee.

I am applying for a passport to visit England, France, and Italy. My purpose is to live in London, if possible, until the book on which I am working is finished. If the climate is too disagreeable and the cost of living beyond my means, I will pass through France to Italy and live there. I wish to live in Europe for a time because the cost of living in the USA is beyond my means and because I can live abroad, on my small savings, for from one-third to one-fourth of what it costs in this country.

I have a friend in London who has invited me to share her flat from September 6th onward. I could then be within reach of the British Museum for research work. My friend's name is [REDACTED] Wimbledon, London SW 19. Her husband, the [REDACTED] is governor of the Seychelle Islands off the east coast of Africa.

Please grant my passport at the earliest possible moment as I wish to finish my book and meet my publisher's dead-line. Every day's delay is a heavy expense for me and time lost on my book.

Respectfully yours,

Agnes Smedley

I am living on an
advance from my
publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

I was ~~never married~~ ^{last married} on in October 1912 to Ernest Brundin who was born at ? on 2; who ^{is} an American citizen, and who is now residing at 8145 Passons Blvd., Rivera, Calif. Our marriage ~~has not been terminated~~ ^{was terminated by death} (divorce) on about 1914 or 1916 (Date of death or divorce)

A WOMAN APPLICANT WHO IS OR HAS BEEN MARRIED MUST FILL IN THIS PORTION

My maiden name was Agnes Smedley, and I ^{was not previously married} ~~was previously married~~ to Ernest Brundin (Full name of former husband) on Oct. 1912 at San Francisco, Calif. who was born at ? and the marriage was terminated by ~~death~~ ^{divorce} on about 1914 or 1916 (Date)

(If married more than twice, set forth facts in a supplemental statement)

My ^{husband} ~~former husband~~ emigrated to the United States on _____ and ^{his father} ~~he~~ (Name of father) was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the _____ Court of _____ at _____ (City and State) on _____ as shown by the _____ (Month, day, and year) submitted herewith.

MY TRAVEL PLANS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Port of departure New York
Approximate date of departure as soon as passport granted
Proposed length of stay abroad one or two years
Means of transportation ship (Name of ship or air line)
Countries to be visited England (possibly Italy & France) - See attached letter
Purpose of trip Research on book and completion of book



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I solemnly swear that the statements on both sides of this application are true and that the photograph attached hereto is a likeness of me.

I ^{have not} ~~have~~ been naturalized as a citizen of a foreign state; taken an oath or made an affirmation or other formal declaration of allegiance to a foreign state; entered or served in the armed forces of a foreign state; accepted or performed the duties of any office, post or employment under the government of a foreign state or political subdivision thereof; voted in a political election in a foreign state or participated in an election or plebiscite to determine the sovereignty over foreign territory; made a formal renunciation of nationality before a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in a foreign state; been convicted by court martial of deserting the military or naval service of the United States in time of war; been convicted by court martial, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, of committing any act of treason against, or of attempting by force to overthrow, or of bearing arms against the United States.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation, or purpose of evasion: So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this SEP 8 1949 day of _____, 19____

Clerk of the Agent Department of State Court of _____

AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTIFYING WITNESS

I, the undersigned, solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the United States; that I reside at the address written below my signature hereto affixed; that I know the applicant who executed the affidavit hereinbefore set forth to be a citizen of the United States; that the statements made in the applicant's affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; further, I solemnly swear that I have known the applicant personally for _____ years.

If witness has been issued a passport, give number if known and date or approximate date of issue.

No. _____ Date of issue _____

(Signature of witness)

Mr. Peyton Ford
The Assistant to the Attorney General
Director, FBI

December 12, 1949

AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases
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The files of the Passport Division, United States Department of State, reflect that Agnes Smedley applied for a United States passport on September 8, 1949, for travel to the British Isles, France, and Italy. On the basis of her application, the United States Department of State issued United States Passport No. 151962 to her on October 28, 1949, valid for one year for travel to the above countries. In her application, she stated that she was making the trip for the purpose of doing research on a book on which she is currently working.

Agnes Smedley departed from the United States at the port of New York on November 15, 1949, aboard the SS America, scheduled to arrive at Southampton, England, on November 22, 1949. In her application for a passport she indicated that she could be contacted in England in care of [redacted] London, E. W. 19. Information has been received indicating that she expects to reside in England for the next four or five months but that her subsequent plans are indefinite, although she may go to China.

The above is set forth solely for your information.

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Date: December 12, 1949

To: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security and Training Group

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

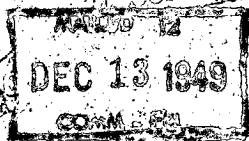
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December 12, 1949

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RE: AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases

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2 cc Legal Attache, London

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January 13, 1950

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum of December 30, 1949.

By Bureau memorandum dated December 6, 1949, a specific request was made that the individuals, to whom calls were made from the telephone of [redacted] Sneden's Landing, Palisades, New York, be identified and that their names be checked through the indices of Field Offices covering territory in which they reside. In the absence of a specific indication that such calls could not have been made by Agnes Snedley, the suggestions made in Bureau memorandum of December 6, 1949, should be followed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, New York
SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bureau file 61-6580)

DATE: December 30, 1949

Re Bulet December 6, 1949, requesting that identities of persons called from the phone of [redacted] Palisades, New York, be identified. b7C

It has been ascertained that prior to her departure for Europe SMEDLEY spent considerable time at the Hotel Carteret, New York, returning only occasionally for a few days at a time to [redacted] home in Palisades. Over a hundred telephone listings, directly traceable to SMEDLEY at this hotel, have been obtained and it is planned to identify the persons to whom they are listed. b7C

In view of this, no further action with respect to the listings [redacted] phone will be taken in the absence of specific request. b7C

Memo to SAC, New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 6, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, Was
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
(Bufile 61-6580)

A pending report in this case has been dictated and will be forwarded when transcribed.

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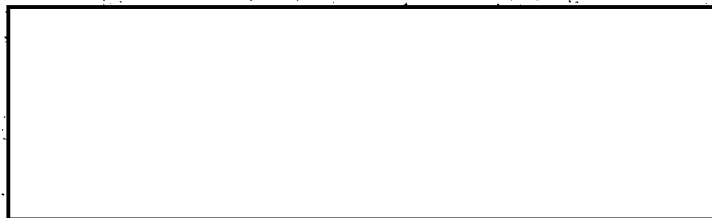
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Date: February 3, 1950

To:



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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JAMES STANLEY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to our memorandum of December 18, 1949.

Transmitted herewith for your further information in this matter is a single copy of the report of Special Agent James T. O'Brien dated January 12, 1950, at New York City.

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| TITLE AGNES ^Q SMEDLEY, was. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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SMEDLEY left US from NYC on 11/15/49 bound for England. Stated she would spend next five months there completing a book. Thereafter her plans are indefinite, with possibility she will go to China. Prior to leaving she maintained a room at the Hotel Carteret, NY where she worked on her manuscript while continuing to receive mail and spend weekends at the home of [redacted] Palisades, NY. Subject was invited by the Editor of the "Daily Worker" to report on the trial of the 11 leaders of the CP. Reported by acquaintances to be contemptuous of American CP but whole-hearted supporter of Chinese Communists. Income tax returns for years 1945-1947 reflect employment as author and lecturer with annual income between \$1,000 and \$5,000. (U)

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REFERENCES:

Bureau file 61-6580.
Report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN, 11/17/49, at New York, New York.

DETAILS:

By communication dated November 17, 1949,
Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability (U)

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advised that it had been ascertained on November 15, 1949, from [redacted] Palisades, New York, that SMEDLEY had left on that day by ship from New York for Europe. The informant also ascertained from [redacted] that SMEDLEY'S new address would be in care of [redacted] London, SE 19, England. b7C

The records of the United States Lines, New York City, reflected that SMEDLEY had sailed aboard the SS AMERICA on a one way tourist class ticket, Reservation B52, scheduled to arrive in England on November 22, 1949.

[Confidential Informant] [redacted] of known reliability, advised that SMEDLEY had submitted an application for passport dated September 8, 1949, at New York City, giving her address as Palisades, Rockland County, New York. In this application SMEDLEY set forth the following personal data: (U) b2

She was born February 23, 1892, near Osgood, Sullivan County, Missouri. Her permanent residence was in Palisades, Rockland County, New York. She resided in Europe, chiefly in Germany, from 1920 to 1929 and in China from 1929 to 1941. Her parents were CHARLES H. SMEDLEY, born 1865 at Columbus, Ohio and SARAH RALLS SMEDLEY, born Osgood, Missouri, date unknown, both deceased. She described herself as five foot six inches, gray brown hair and blue gray eyes. Her occupation was listed as writer-journalist. She stated that her last American passport had been obtained in Hongkong (China) in 1941 and was not submitted with the application since it had previously been submitted with her original application dated August 18, 1949. She stated that she had been married in October 1912 to ERNEST BRUNDIN presently residing at 8145 Passons Boulevard, Rivera, California. The marriage was terminated by divorce in 1914 or 1916. She stated that she intended to leave from New York City as soon as her passport is granted by ship and proposed to stay abroad for one or two years in England and possibly in Italy or France. The purpose of her trip was given as "research on book and completion of book".

The passport application, according to informant, was accompanied by a typewritten letter addressed to the United States State Department, signed by SMEDLEY with the following return address "temporary address, Hotel Carteret, 208 West 23rd Street, New York City, New York; permanent address, care of [redacted] Palisades, Rockland County, New York".

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Pertinent portion of this letter reads as follows:

"I am applying for a passport to visit England, France and Italy. My purpose is to live in London if possible until the book on which I am working

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"is finished. If the climate is too disagreeable and the cost of living beyond my means, I will pass through France to Italy and live there. I wish to live in Europe for a time because the cost of living in the United States is beyond my means and because I can live abroad on my small savings for from one third to one fourth of what it costs in this country.

"I have a friend in London who has invited me to share her flat from September 6th onward. I could then be within reach of the British Museum for research work. My friend's name is [redacted] London SW 19. Her husband, the [redacted] is Governor of the Seychelle Islands off the East Coast of Africa. Please grant my passport at the earliest possible moment as I wish to finish my book and meet my publisher's deadline. Every days delay is a heavy expense for me and time lost on my book."

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MISS SMEDLEY added a postscript in writing: "I am living on an advance from my publisher ALFRED A. KNOFF, Incorporated."

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised on November 30, 1949, [redacted] mentioned that SMEDLEY had resided part of the time prior to her departure from the United States at the Hotel Carteret in New York City but had never formally changed her address inasmuch as it had been temporary and she had frequently returned to Palisades to live with [redacted] during this period.

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that SMEDLEY rented a room at the Hotel Carteret, New York City, on August 3, 1949, on a monthly basis and relinquished it on November 15, 1949. According to the informant SMEDLEY advised that she had a permanent residence in Upstate New York but came to the city frequently for extended periods of time in order to do research and to work on her current book. The informant stated that from casual conversations with SMEDLEY he gained the impression that she was definitely a "leftist" if not a Communist and an authority on China. He stated that she received few, if any, visitors to the best of his observation and spent most of her time in her room at the typewriter. She occasionally absented herself from the hotel for days at a time and he presumed that during these periods she returned to her residence in Upstate New York. Upon her departure from the hotel, she told the informant that she was going abroad to finish work on her new book about a Chinese general.

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On November 21, 1949, [redacted] and his wife, AYAKO ISHIGAKI, were interviewed by SA [redacted] and the writer. They reside at 219 West 14th Street, New York City. Both the ISHIGAKIS advised that they were acquaintances of AGNES SMEDLEY, having met her in 1945, when they were guests at the YADDO Estate, a retreat for artists and writers at Saratoga Springs, New York. They stated that SMEDLEY lived on a farmhouse separated from the main guest house on this estate and their acquaintance with her during the period of their residence, which was for three or four months, was purely social. Since that time they have seen SMEDLEY rather frequently and received a visit from her shortly before her departure from the United States for Europe. Both ISHIGAKIS agreed that SMEDLEY was a nervous, high strung individual who occasionally dropped in to their home without announcement and talked incessantly, apparently thereby relieving a certain nervous tension under which she was laboring. Both the ISHIGAKIS gave the impression that they were somewhat annoyed at SMEDLEY'S visits and were not particularly friendly with her. b7C

They stated that on the occasion of her last visit SMEDLEY had advised them of her plans to go abroad, stating that she was working on a biography of the Chinese General CHU TEH and expected to finish it in about five months. She told them that thereafter her plans were indefinite and that she might go to China. On this occasion she expressed the opinion that she disliked Caucasians and felt most comfortable with Chinese. The ISHIGAKIS agreed that SMEDLEY had often made expressions of contempt regarding the American Communist Party and its membership but was a whole-hearted supporter of the Chinese Reds. They characterized SMEDLEY as being too much of an individualist to submit to the discipline which the Communist Party is supposed to enforce upon its membership.

The ISHIGAKIS also mentioned that SMEDLEY had stated on one occasion that she had been married to a Hindu. She also discussed the newspaper publicity which she received in February of 1949, when an Army intelligence report, accusing her of complicity in the Sorge spy ring in China, was published. The ISHIGAKIS stated that SMEDLEY had denied she had ever been a spy and complained that the release of this report had injured her reputation and her ability to earn a living.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that by letter dated November 19, 1948, SMEDLEY advised [redacted] of the "Daily Worker" that she was unable to write an article for him because she was trying "to finish my book on the Life of General CHU TEH, before the Peoples Liberation Army reaches Nanking." She advised [redacted] to contact the ~~C~~ (U)

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Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy for a writer and discussed the enclosure of a series of letters from one [] who went to India and China for the "New York Herald Tribune" and then decided to throw in her lot with the Peoples Liberation Army. SMEDLEY requested that [] contact [] [] of the China Aid Council for permission to use the letters. (U)

Confidential Informant [] advised that by letter dated January 27, 1949, [] of the "Daily Worker" East Coast Communist newspaper, wrote to the subject as follows: "Dear MISS SMEDLEY, As you know the trial of the twelve indicted Communist leaders which began January 17th, will undoubtedly continue for many weeks if not months. We're planning extensive coverage in the "Daily Worker". In addition to the regular staff coverage, we are arranging for an extra seat in the press box to be used by guest writers. (U)

"We would appreciate if you could see your way clear to attend one or more sessions at your convenience and write a short feature article for the paper on what you observe and feel. Please let me know if you will be available for this purpose so that we can work out a schedule." (U)

[] Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, made available the federal income tax returns of SMEDLEY for 1945, 1946 and 1947. (U)

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that SMEDLEY received mail at [redacted] Palisades, New York from the following persons or organizations: ~~(U)~~ (U)

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American Labor Party of Rockland County, 59 Burd Street, Nyack, NY
E.G. BARTLEY, Box 404, Fort Langley, British Columbia

[redacted] New York City

11/22/49
11/28/49
12/1/49
12/1/49

The Indo-Soviet Journal, 19 Sin Pherayshah, Mekta Road, Bombay, India
Allgemeiner Deutscherverlag, Berlin, Germany
package from Dietzverlag GMBH, Berlin C2, Wallstrasse 76-79
F.N.R. Yugoslavia
El Correo Democratico S de R.L. Apartado 7558, SUC 12, Mexico, DF.

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~~(U)~~ Confidential Informant [] has supplied approximately 85 telephone numbers which SMEDLEY called while she was at the Hotel Carteret. b2 b7D This list of phone numbers is not being set out at this time but the subscribers will be ascertained and their identities reported in future reports.

The official directory of Columbia University, New York City, lists a [] as an instructor on the subject "The Teaching of English and Foreign Languages" at Teachers College, Columbia University. Her home address is listed as [] New York City. This address has been verified by SA JAMES E. GORDON. b7C

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that on November 8, 1949, MRS. RICHARD LAUTERBACH told AGNES SMEDLEY that [] had requested to know the whereabouts of [] SMEDLEY was unable to help her out and suggested that she call ELLA WINTER or EDGAR SNOW. MRS. LAUTERBACH subsequently called another unidentified woman and ascertained that [] lived at [] telephone [] b2 b7D b7C

~~(U)~~ The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked with negative results by Special Employee [] The records of this organization were checked on November 17, 1949, for the firm of SMITH and ISAACS, Attorneys, 527 Fifth Avenue. It will be noted that the only firm in the Manhattan telephone directory by this name is a firm of attorneys at 527 Fifth Avenue. b7C

[] advised that he had no books or records relating to the tenants in 1937 residing at [] Street, New York City. He further advised that the name [] was unknown to him. [] also stated that while he was not certain he was under the impression that he had obtained ownership of this building subsequent to 1937. b7C

A check of the Manhattan telephone directories for the years 1935 through 1938 failed to reflect any [] The Consolidated Edison Company of New York has advised that they have destroyed all of their records relating to this period. b7C

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At the Ambassador Office Service, 17 East 48th Street, New York City, a [] was contacted under suitable pretext. She advised that this firm gives a telephone answering and mail forwarding service. It was noted that [] apparently operates this service herself and is also employed by several small firms occupying the same suite of offices on the 8th floor of this building. One of these firms is the DAVID A. LORD Associates. DAVID A. LORD was carried on a letterhead of the Committee for Spanish Freedom in 1944, as a sponsor. b7C

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, also advised that in January, 1942, [] was in contact with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG with reference to certain material for publication by TRACHTENBERG'S firm. In view of this, no further attempt will be made to obtain a source of information concerning SMEDLEY at the Ambassador Office Service. (U) b2 b7D b7C

By letter dated November 29, 1949, the Bureau forwarded the results of an interview conducted by a representative of the United States Army with Colonel FRANK DORN as the Assistant Commandant at the Armed Services Information School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. It will be recalled that Colonel FRANK DORN was known to have been in correspondence with SMEDLEY when she resided at Yaddo. The pertinent portion of the Army report reflects that in the late 1930's he (DORN) was assigned to General (then Colonel) STILWELL'S office when General STILWELL was Military Attache to China. He stated that General STILWELL had assigned him a task of obtaining certain information from Chinese Communists in South China; that he, in an effort to make effective contact in South China, met SMEDLEY through a newspaper man that he knew and that he used SMEDLEY in obtaining the desired information for reports which should at the present time be filed here in Washington in the State Department and the Department of Defense. He stated that he, at the time, knew SMEDLEY to be pro-Communist but that she was valuable to him in making contacts and in helping to obtain the desired information. After he had explained this relationship with SMEDLEY, he was asked the question: "Have you, since your tour in China, maintained contact with SMEDLEY in any manner, by correspondence or otherwise?" and his answer was that he had received one letter from her which he answered, but that the only other correspondence was merely an exchange of Christmas cards each year. U

By letter dated January 6, 1950, a stop was placed with the United States Collector of Customs, New York City, so that the New York Office will be notified in the event SMEDLEY returns to New York City.

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NEW YORK

At New York City:

Will ascertain the subscribers of the telephone numbers called by SMEDLEY while at the Hotel Carteret and will identify these persons.

Will contact the New York City Tax Collector, 50 Pine Street, to ascertain the identity of the owner of the premises [redacted] Street, New York City and will locate and interview this person with reference to the identity of [redacted] who resided there in 1937.

* Will report the results of the mail cover on [redacted] [redacted] alias [redacted] care of the China Aid Council, 1790 Broadway, New York City. ~~(U)~~

* Will reinterview [redacted] Apartment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] for any further information he may possess regarding SMEDLEY, for any suggested sources of information or informants regarding SMEDLEY'S activities in connection with the Chinese Section of the Communist Party and for any information he may have as to the whereabouts of [redacted]

* Will further identify the following contacts of the subject: [redacted] telephone [redacted] telephone [redacted] ~~(U)~~ ~~(U)~~

* Will obtain background information on [redacted] [redacted] New York City. ~~(U)~~

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The following confidential informants are mentioned in the report of SA JAMES T. O'BRIEN dated January 12, 1950, at New York, New York:

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Palisades, New York.

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is a photostatic copy of SMEDLEY'S application for United States passport transmitted by the Washington Field Office by letter dated December 14, 1949.

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is photostatic copies of income tax returns obtained from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and forwarded to the New York Office by the Bureau.

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is a mail cover on SMEDLEY at Palisades, New York.

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SAC, New York:

January 11, 1950

Director, FBI

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AGENCY SECURITY, WAC.
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
Bureau file 61-6530

In a "restricted" memorandum to the Secretary of State dated at London, England, on December 8, 1949, Arthur R. Ringalt, First Secretary of the United States Embassy in London, furnished information concerning the creation in London of a "Britain-China Friendship Association" under the sponsorship of "Communists and Left Wing Socialist leaders."

According to the memorandum a British-China Conference was held in London on December 3 and 4, 1949, which received favorable publicity from the British Communist Weekly, "World News and Views" as well as the British publication of the "Daily Worker." The conference was said to have been extremely critical of the role of the United States in the Far East.

An officer of the Embassy attended the opening meeting of the conference but the only American present whom he could identify was Agnes Smalley who, so far as could be ascertained, played little active part in the proceedings.

The above is furnished for your information.

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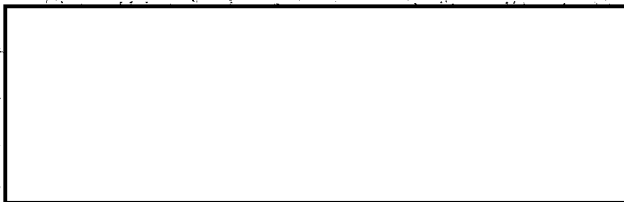
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

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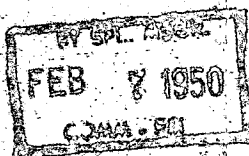
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| TITLE CHANGED AGNES SMEDLEY was. Ayoo, Yahoo, Yaha, Mrs. Si, Mrs. Hsi, Miss Sze | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R | |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>all state info handled per state dept CTR 2/8/90 SP4 red/lay 6/7/90 pgs 1-22</i> | | <p>Passport file, State Department, reviewed and reflects passport #151962 issued to subject on October 28, 1949 valid for one year for travel to the British Isles, France and Italy. Previous passport information set forth. Information received from files of Confidential Informant [redacted] a Government Agency that conducts personnel and intelligence investigations, reflects that the subject was formerly a close-associate and "friend" of a well-known Hindu conspirator and agitator. Passport files of State Department also indicate passport renewal application dated June 23, 1932 in which the subject listed as identifying witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] who are, according to information in the possession of [redacted] "Red". (U)</p> <p>Other background information concerning SMEDLEY as contained in the files of [redacted] set forth in detail. (U)</p> <p>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE 10/13/82</p> <p>b2 b7D b7C</p> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.</p> | |
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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

b2 The title of this case has been marked "changed" because of the receipt of additional names by which subject allegedly was known according to the files of Confidential Informant [] a Government Agency which conducts intelligence and personnel investigations. These additional names as reflected in the "changed" title are AYOO, YAHOO and YAHA, as well as MRS. SI, MRS. HSI and MISS SZE. ~~C~~ (U)

Passport files of the Department of State reflected the following information concerning AGNES SMEDLEY:

AGNES SMEDLEY first applied for passport before the United States Consulate General at Berlin, Germany by application dated May 10, 1928. She stated that she was born February 23, 1892 at Osgood, Sullivan County, Missouri. Her father's name was given as CHARLES SMEDLEY who was born October 29, 1864 at Hebron, Ohio. On this application she stated that she wished to visit Germany, France, Austria and Denmark for purposes of travel and study. She also stated that she had resided outside the United States and Germany from January, 1921 to May, 1928 and that she had previously left the United States in December, 1920 and had never applied previously for a passport. Also on this passport application, she submitted the following identifying documents:

1. Citizens Seaman's Certification Card #47169 issued December 13, 1920 at New York City,
2. An Affidavit relative to her birth in the United States executed by her father CHARLES SMEDLEY,
3. An Affidavit by her sister, MYRTLE SMEDLEY FINNEY, of Chula Vista, California and also an affidavit by the physician, Doctor H. M. CARVER of Kansas City, Missouri, who attended the mother of the subject at the time of her birth.

She also gave as references on this passport application her father, her sister, MRS. MYRTLE FINNEY and her lawyer, GILBERT E. ROE of 55 Liberty Street, New York City. The identifying witness for this passport application was [] Hartford, Connecticut. As a result of this passport application dated May 10, 1928, passport #1266 was issued by the United States Consulate General at Berlin, Germany on June 22, 1928. b7C

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Other information contained in the passport files of the State Department was an affidavit by AGNES SMEDLEY subscribed and sworn to before the American Consulate General at Shanghai, China on June 7, 1929. She stated in this affidavit that she held a passport issued by the American Consul General at Berlin, Germany on June 27, 1928, passport #1266. She also stated that she resided at 85 Ave. Dubail, Shanghai and was employed by the newspaper FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG of Frankfort, Germany as a correspondent. Her affidavit also reflected that she was married to an American citizen, ERNEST BRUNDIN, when she was nineteen years old and was divorced in Fresno, California shortly afterwards. She further stated that she had never married again and had not been naturalized as a citizen or subject of any country, nor taken any oath of allegiance to any Government other than the United States. She also stated that she made the foregoing statements in her affidavit in order to deny statements which were reported to have appeared in the Chinese newspaper to the effect that she was a naturalized German citizen, and that she was married to a Hindu, both of which statements are without foundation and truth according to the subject in her affidavit.

Passport files, State Department, also reflected that on July 16, 1930, AGNES SMEDLEY made application for passport before the Vice-Consul of the United States at Hongkong. She stated that she desired to visit all countries for travel and business purposes. She also stated that her legal residence was New York City, and that she had resided in Germany and China and had been traveling from 1921 until the present time (July, 1930). In the event of death, she desired ✓ MRS. MYRTLE SMEDLEY FINNEY (sister) at Chula Vista, California or MR. GILBERT E. ROE (lawyer) of 55 Liberty Street, New York City be notified. As a result of this passport application, on July 16, 1930 passport #284 was issued by the United States Vice-Consul at Hongkong.

Passport files further reflected that the subject made application for registration as a United States citizen before the Consulate General of the United States at Shanghai on September 3, 1930, and this application was approved by the Consulate General on that date. She stated on this application that in the event of death, she wished either her sister, MRS. FINNEY of Chula Vista, California, or [redacted] [redacted] Berlin, [redacted] Germany, be notified.

Subject also made application for renewal of passport dated June 23, 1932 before the United States Consulate General at Shanghai, China. She stated that her legal residence was 304 I. S. S. Apartments at 1552 Ave. Joffre, Shanghai, China. She also stated on this application for renewal of passport that passport serial number E85930 had been issued to her on July 16, 1930 at Hongkong. On this application for renewal of passport, her certification was witnessed by [redacted]

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b2 and [redacted] The files of Confidential Informant [redacted] (U)
 previously mentioned in this report, reflected that [redacted]
 b7C [redacted] had been reported to a reliable informant of [redacted] as being (U)
 a Communist suspect. The files of [redacted] did not reflect the source (U)
 of this information which had been reported to their reliable
 informant. However, the files of [redacted] reflected that the following (U)
 background information concerning [redacted] had been (U)
 received from Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, (U)
 which is a foreign Government investigative agency. The records
 of [redacted] reflected that [redacted] had arrived in Shanghai from Manila on (U)
 December 17, 1930 and had been employed by the Shanghai Evening Post
 and later by the Chinese Press. He had resided with a British
 subject named [redacted] and made
 a trip with [redacted] to Szechuen during June, 1931. Also according
 to [redacted] in November, 1931 had established a news agency (U)
 under the name of the "Far Eastern Press Correspondents", cable
 address Fenprecop, Post Office Box 1926. On October 8, 1931,
 b7C [redacted] moved from [redacted]
 b2 passage [redacted] Shanghai, China. [redacted] stated further (U)
 that this address was formerly known as #85 Ave. Dubail and
 is the boarding house at which AGNES SMEDLEY resided from May, 1929
 to May, 1930. [redacted] further informed [redacted] that AGNES SMEDLEY (U)
 frequently visited [redacted] at that address. (U)

(U) [redacted] further advised that they had received information from
 a reliable source saying that [redacted], although previously holding
 b2 Communistic views, only decided definitely to turn "Red" during
 b7C July of 1931. [redacted] stated to this reliable informant of [redacted] that (U)
 he was influenced in this decision to turn "Red" by certain conversations
 with [redacted] during their trip to Szechuen. (U)

b2 It is noted that the word "Red" was not defined by either
 [redacted] or the files of [redacted] (U)

b7C The files of the Passport Division of the State Department
 further reflected an application by the subject for registration as a
 citizen dated September 19, 1932 at Shanghai, China. She stated on
 this application that she was working for [redacted] Berlin,
 Germany. She gave as her legal residence New York City, New York,
 and stated that in the event of death or accident, she wished either
 her sister, MRS. MYRTLE FINNEY of Chula Vista, California, or
 MRS. SUN YAT SEN of 29 Rue Moliere, Shanghai, China, be notified.
 She also gave as her local address Apartment 304, I. S. S. Apartments
 at 1552 Ave. Joffre, Shanghai, China.

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Subject also made passport application dated April 28, 1934 at the Department of State in Washington, D. C., at which time she stated that her permanent residence was 100 5th Avenue, in-care-of [] in the City of New York, United States. She also stated that her last passport was obtained from Hongkong on July 16, 1930, and that she now wanted to go abroad temporarily for three or four years to visit Japan, China, Indo-China, Soviet Russia, Germany and France in order to write a book. She requested her passport be mailed to AGNES SMEDLEY, in-care-of [], Vanguard Press at 100 5th Avenue, New York City. Passport #94385 was issued to her on May 1, 1934. b7C

Passport files also reflected that the subject made application for registration as a citizen of the United States at Shanghai on October 31, 1934. She stated on this application that she had resided out of the United States since October, 1934 at Shanghai, and she gave her address as 29 Rue Moliere, in-care-of MRS. SUN YAT SEN. She also stated that she had come to Shanghai for the purpose of writing, representing the "Vanguard Press".

On June 8, 1936, subject made application for the renewal of passport #94385. She gave her address at this time as Apartment 2 located at 96 Rue Marcel Tillot, Shanghai. Passport #94385 was renewed at the United States Consulate Office in Shanghai on June 8, 1936 for two years.

Passport files further reflected an application of the subject for registration as an American citizen dated May 10, 1938, and this application was made before the American Vice-Consul at Hankow, China. She stated that her address at that time was #116, Room 7, Chung Kai (Chugai), Japanese Concession, Hankow, China. She advised on this application that in the event of death, she wished the following persons to be notified:

[], in-care-of the "Vanguard Press", 424 Madison Avenue, New York City, and MRS. MYRTLE FINNEY, RFD #1, Box 504, Chula Vista, California. b7C

Subject also made application for passport which was sworn to on April 25, 1938 before the Vice-Consul of the United States at Hankow, China. As a result of this application, passport #477 (E-193316) was issued on May 10, 1938.

Passport files, State Department, further reflected that memorandum dated June 14, 1938 from the American Consulate General at Hankow, China, which reflected that AGNES SMEDLEY lost passport #477 (E-193316) and was issued a new passport #492 (E-203001).

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On May 25, 1940, subject made application before the Second Secretary of the American Embassy at Chungking, China, for renewal of passport #492 (E-203001) which was issued on June 14, 1938 at Hankow, China. She stated on this application that she represented the Chinese Red Cross Medical Relief Corps, Kweiyang, Kweichow; and was also special correspondent for the Manchester Guardian in England. Her passport was renewed May 25, 1940.

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On February 28, 1941, subject made application for passport at Hongkong before the Consulate General's Office of the United States. As a result of this application, passport #733 (FS-4551) was issued to her on February 28, 1941. On the application she stated that she intended to visit Hongkong and China, and she was residing in care of [redacted] at 157 The Peak, Hongkong.

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Passport files of the Department of State also reflected that AGNES SMEDLEY made application for passport which was subscribed and sworn to before [redacted] agent, Department of State, September 8, 1949. On this application, she stated that her domicile at that time (September, 1949) was at the Palisades, Rockland County, New York. She stated that she had resided outside the United States in Europe, chiefly Germany, from 1920 to 1929, and in China practically all the time from 1929 to 1941. She gave her mother's name as SARAH RAILS SMEDLEY and her father's name as CHARLES H. SMEDLEY. She advised that her last American passport was obtained from Hongkong in 1941 and that she was married in October, 1912 to ERNEST BEAMIN, who is now residing at 8145 Passons Boulevard, Rivera, California. She stated that her marriage to him was terminated by divorce in approximately 1914 or 1916. Her application further reflected that her travel plans were to depart from New York as soon as the passport was granted for a stay of one or two years, and that she would visit England, Italy and France in order to do research on a book so that she could complete the book. As a result of this passport application, passport #151962 was issued to her on October 28, 1949, valid for one year for the British Isles, France and Italy.

In an accompanying letter by AGNES SMEDLEY dated September 8, 1949 to the Passport Division of the Department of State, she gave as her temporary address, Hotel Carteret, 208 West 23rd Street, New York City. She stated that she was going to London because the cost of living in the United States was beyond her means, and she had been invited to share a flat with a friend in London from September 6, onwards. She also stated that she could then be within reach of the British museum for research work.

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According to this letter, her friend's name is [redacted] London, SW19. AGNES SMEDLEY stated in the letter that [redacted] husband is the [redacted] and is governor of the Seychelles Islands, off the east coast of Africa. The subject also stated in this letter that she was living on an advance from her publisher, ALFRED A. KNOFF, Inc.

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The files of [redacted] reflected information from a reliable source March 5, 1929 that AGNES SMEDLEY had arrived in Harbin, China from Russia at which time she had informed [redacted] informant that she was born in California and was educated at the University of California. She also told this informant that she had been engaged as a correspondent by the "Frankfurter Zeitung". This informant of [redacted] advised that he had received no information indicating that AGNES SMEDLEY was engaged otherwise than in the capacity as a correspondent of the German newspaper. This informant, however, advised [redacted] that he had received information from what he termed a reliable source that AGNES SMEDLEY also went under the aliases of ALICE BIRD and MRS. RETROIKOS and that it had been noted that she had received mail from India, source not known.

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The files of [redacted] did not reflect on the reliability of the source of information from which the information was received in regard to the above aliases.

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The files of [redacted] also reflected the following information which had been furnished [redacted] This information furnished by [redacted] is a resume of information in the files of [redacted] regarding AGNES SMEDLEY. This resume is set forth as follows:

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(a) "Arrived in Shanghai during May, 1929 from Berlin via Moscow, Harbin, Mukden, Tientsin and Peking, traveling on passport #1266 issued by American Consulate at Berlin June 27, 1928.

(b) "Correspondent for "Frankfurter Zeitung", the official organ of the German Democratic Party.

(c) "Following arrival in Shanghai she resided at 85 Avenue Dubail, a Russian boarding house and shared a room with GERTRUDE BINDER, also an American.

(d) "Certain correspondence from her hand published in the 'Frankfurter Zeitung' regarding preparations by the Shanghai Municipal Council on August 1st against Communist disturbances was reproduced in the Soviet paper 'Isvestia' on December 8, 1929 and published in the local Russian paper, the Shanghai 'Zaria' on February 11, 1930.

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(e) "She also contributes to the China Weekly Review and wrote an article entitled 'Philippine Sketches' published in the June, 1930 issue of the New Masses.

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(f) "She is also suspected of being the author of the article 'London Behind the Hangman CHIANG KAI-SHEK' which appeared in the Rote Fahne, dated Berlin September 5, 1931.

(g) "She is known to be in touch with Indian seditionists in Shanghai and on several occasions edited anti-British government propaganda on behalf of the local branch of the Indian Youth League, an Indian Revolutionary Organization at 241 Paoshing Road, Chapel.

(h) "May 15, 1930, SMEDLEY left Shanghai for Amoy, later proceeded to Canton - residence October - third week - 72 Route de Grouchy, Shanghai.

"January 22, 1931 - went to Nanking and returned to Shanghai March 5, 1931, residing again at 72 Route de Grouchy, Shanghai.

(i) "October 14, 1931, she moved to Apartment 102, International Savings Society Apartments, 1552 Ave. Joffre.

(j) "She is reported frequently to visit [redacted] and [redacted] at their residence in Avenue Dubail."

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The files of [redacted] (U) also reflected information from a reliable source on October 1, 1929 that AGNES SMEDLEY for a time had lived with one ALI HUSSAIN but was not married to him. This [redacted] reliable source of [redacted] advised that ALI HUSSAIN is of Indian nationality born at Peshawar on March 21, 1887. The files of [redacted] further reflected that an informant, of known reliability, had advised [redacted] that AGNES SMEDLEY had stated to this informant that she had been living with a certain ALI HUSSAIN in Berlin, Germany but was not married to him.

The files of [redacted] contained information which was received from a reliable informant dated August 13, 1930 at which time this informant advised that AGNES SMEDLEY had arrived in Canton, China a few months prior to August, 1930 at which time she let it be known that she represented a German newspaper. This newspaper was the "Frankfurter Societats-Drucherei". This informant advised [redacted] that information had been received that AGNES SMEDLEY had appeared before the United States Consulate General's Office in Canton on July 30, making a complaint that she was being shadowed by Chinese detectives. This reliable informant of [redacted] advised [redacted] further that he had received information from [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability, who conducted intelligence investigations in the area of Canton, China, that he did not think MISS SMEDLEY was a Communist but he and his superiors were afraid that she might unwittingly be assisting Communists and others opposed to the Nationalist Government by distributing propaganda in the Chinese language which she did not understand. [redacted] further informed that two parcels of pamphlets, which were written in Chinese, had been sent to MISS SMEDLEY and that these pamphlets came from Shanghai. [redacted] stated that

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the pamphlets contained writings which were obviously against the Nanking Government and generally of a revolutionary character. [redacted] further stated that when the matter was mentioned to MISS SMEDLEY, she admitted that she knew the sender, a MISS BINDER, in Shanghai but denied that she had offered or even consented to distribute these pamphlets. # (U)

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Concerning the person by the name of MISS BINDER, mentioned previously by [redacted] it is noted that the files of [redacted] contained information from an informant of known reliability, which he had obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] to the effect that AGNES SMEDLEY associated with a MISS BINDER and that MISS SMEDLEY was "even more red than BINDER". This was interpreted by the reliable informant of [redacted] to mean that [redacted] considered MISS SMEDLEY to be a radical who should be watched. The informant of [redacted] advised that he did not believe that AGNES SMEDLEY was deemed to be actively engaged in Communist activities or other propaganda at that time. # (U)

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The files of [redacted] contained no information which might identify the term radical or "red" which were used above as describing AGNES SMEDLEY. # (U)

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The files of [redacted] also contained the following copy of a letter which had been received on December 4, 1931 by [redacted] which had been addressed to AGNES SMEDLEY. This letter was from the League Against Imperialism and for National Independence, International Secretariat, 24 Friedrich Street, Berlin 48, Germany. The letter is quoted as follows: # (U)

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"Dear Friend,

"On the 5th November a preparatory conference of the Far Eastern Section is to take place at Shanghai. Besides the Japanese and Chinese Section a Korean group shall also take part in same. We earnestly request you to get into communication with their Korean political groups, where basis is the struggle of the masses, in order to augment the anti-Japanese front in China. Thanks to your good connections with certain Chinese circles, it ought to prove easy for you to secure the support of the Kuomintang in this respect.

"Although the latter is a 'Bourgeoisie Party', one must nevertheless try to involve it this time. Considering the anti-Japanese movement is of world-wide importance and only significe the prelude of great revolutionary risings and therefore plays an important role in the anti-Japanese movement in the colonial and semi-colonial countries in the Far East.

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"Yours fraternally,

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LEAGUE AGAINST IMPERIALISM
AND FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE
(Signed V. CHATTOPODKYAYA)"

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The files of [] contained information which was received on March 5, 1929 which set forth the following article that appeared in an issue of the HARBIN DAWNING, a Chinese newspaper:

"MISS SMEDLEY, an American and German newspaper correspondent, came to Harbin not long ago from Berlin and stayed at the Palace Hotel in Pristan. She is an American naturalized as a German citizen, and her husband is a Hindu belonging to the revolutionary party headed by GANDHI. She is interested in Chinese politics and customs, and especially in the social organization. She is also very much interested in the Manchurian-Mongolian problem.

"Upon her arrival in Harbin, she visited our office three times in two days and arranged four interviews in all with our representative on the Manchurian-Mongolian Situation. The points raised by her during their conversations were (1) the encroachment of Japanese imperialism and (2) American loans to Japan for investment in Manchuria. The question of the taking over of the Chinese Eastern Railway by China was also touched upon, when MISS SMEDLEY declared that eight British experts had been detailed to Harbin for the sole purpose of studying this question.

"MISS SMEDLEY left a few days ago for Shanghai, from which place she is to proceed to Nanking in March to attend a National convention to be called there on March 15th."

The files of [] also contained information dated January 11, 1937 which had been furnished to [] representative by [] This information furnished by [] from the files of [] is quoted as follows: (U)

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"Information received from reliable source is to the effect that MISS AGNES SMEDLEY, notorious American radical authoress, has been in Sian for some four months collaborating with the communist troops of MAO TSO-TUNG in that vicinity. (U)

"She is still in Sian and during her stay there has been residing at the Sian Guest House under the name of MISS SZE. She has been heard speaking in both the English and German languages. She has had no restrictions placed upon her movements in the same way that other foreigners in Sian have had, and she has been in the habit of conferring with Chinese communist leaders upon propaganda matters. In addition, on December 10, 1936, she met two Russian pilots of the Soviet Air Force who had arrived from Urumtchi in a military plane and held conversations with the Chinese communist leaders in Sian. (U)

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"She is also in possession of a communist identification badge which permits her to move freely in and around Sian. (U)

"Since the coup d'etat she has been broadcasting in English over the Sian radio station on matters affecting communist propaganda and stressing the harm done to China by Japanese, British, American and German capitalists. These speeches are always translated immediately afterwards into Chinese. (U)

"There is no doubt at all that MISS SMEDLEY is the lady referred to, as a photograph of her was immediately recognized by a recent arrival in Shanghai who was staying in the Sian Guest House during and after the trouble in Sian." (U)

In connection with this information received by [] from [] (U) information was also received by [] from Confidential Informant [] of known reliability; that information had been received by [] (U) that an amateur radio enthusiast at Kuling, Kiangsi, heard a woman broadcasting in English on a frequency of 250 kilocycles or 1200 meters about 9 p.m. on December 31, 1936. The broadcast was reported to have dealt with the ideals and the activities of the "National Revolutionary Front" at Sian and to have exhorted listeners to support the North Western Armies. (U)

The files of [] also contained information received from one [] (U) of its representatives by letter dated January 3, 1937 which had been made available to [] representative by [] This information reflected that AGNES SMEDLEY had been in contact with a third party in Shanghai while (U) while SMEDLEY was in Sian. At that time, AGNES SMEDLEY stated to this third party that LOW EN LAY (CHU EN LAI) was meeting only success, for the whole army of General YANG was on his side and even though the rest of the troops could not be considered as being on his side, most of them were demoralized. She also stated that it was necessary, absolutely, to exercise an influence by means of the propaganda on English public opinions which was a main factor in obtaining the necessary means for further development of actions. (U)

[] also advised [] representative that AGNES SMEDLEY had (U) also been in touch with another person in Shanghai when SMEDLEY was in Sian and had divulged the following information to that person: (U)

"CHU EN LAI and myself had a long conference here with the Moscow delegation and I confirm now my previous statement that Moscow will do nothing for the support of the Chinese Red Army. STALIN is playing here as well as in Spain — he will not support the foreign armies. FELDMAN is here as representative of the HABAROUSK military authorities and last week VANMIN arrived from Dmitrieff, who stated that military ammunition is expected soon via ILI and HAMI. Besides that — the Urga Depot has promised a certain number of planes but for the time being the Habarousk authorities have postponed their forwarding." (U)

In regard to CHU EN LAI, mentioned above, columnist CONSTANTINE BROWN in the Evening Star newspaper dated January 17, 1950 at Washington, D. C. referred to him as the Communist Foreign Minister in Peiping. (U)

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The files of [] contained the following information concerning AGNES SMEDLEY, however, the source of this information and the reliability of the source is not known. (S) (U)

These files show that she was directly and intimately associated with the "Notorious" SAILENDRA HATH GHOSE in both Hindu and Japanese propaganda activities. The files of [] also stated that AGNES SMEDLEY is identified in the files of [] with the activities of German as well as Russian propaganda agents in their efforts to foment revolt in India. (S) (U)

Information also was obtained in these files to the effect that the GILBERT E. ROE mentioned as a reference by SMEDLEY in her passport application dated May 10, 1928 has in the past acted as attorney for the Capital Friends of Freedom for India and was also attorney for the SMEDLEY woman at the time she was indicted in the Federal Court for the Southern District of New York in May, 1918 along with GHOSE. They were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, accused of taking part in a Hindu revolutionary plot and of attempting to defraud the President by representing themselves to be accredited representatives of the Indian Nationalist Party having headquarters in Tajore Castle, Calcutta.

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The files of [] further stated that the oath of the Indian Nationalist Party was said to parallel in intensity and bitterness the Sinn Fein oath. These files also indicated that the Friends of Freedom for India were closely allied in this country with the Friends of Irish Freedom, in many cases the backers of both outfits being identical. The arrest of SMEDLEY and others at that time was called the most important development "in recent months" in connection with a world-wide German plot to cause trouble in India and thereby weaken British effectiveness on the Western Front. (S) (U)

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The files of [] also contained information on a card dated December 27, 1922 which read as follows: (S) (U)

"SOUCHY, AUGUST: German subject. Deported from Sweden in 1917, on being convicted of doing propaganda for the German Monarchist. Anarchist by conviction. Continually associated with ALEXANDER BERKMANN and EMMA GOLDMANN through a certain MRS. PETROIKOS in November, 1921 who was identified as none other than AGNES SMEDLEY, alias ALICE; the British agitator in Berlin was in touch with Indian revolutionaries led by CHATTAPODKYAH's wife at this time."

The source or reliability of this information is not known.

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Other information contained in files of [] from an unknown source of unknown reliability reflected that the most active member of the Indian Revolutionary Movement and a close friend of AGNES SMEDLEY was a man named J. VALDEO who was appointed Chilian consul at Madras, India. (U)

[] files also contained information dated June 6, 1923 which referred to MYRTLE SMEDLEY of San Diego, California as a sister of AGNES SMEDLEY who, according to these files of [] was said to hold secret meetings at her house and also to maintain a post office service for Asiatic revolutionists. The files further stated that AGNES SMEDLEY was said to have started along this line of activity at Berkeley, California where meetings were held at the house of a MRS. L. H. WOODS, 1334 Spruce Street. These files also stated that "evidently MISS SMEDLEY was also directly associated with ALEXANDER BERKMANN when the latter was on the Pacific Coast". (U)

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The source of this above information is not known and therefore the reliability is also not known. The files of [] did not identify ALEXANDER BERKMANN, who was mentioned previously. (U)

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b2 The files of [] also contained information dated January 11, 1937 which had been furnished to [] representative by [] This information was as follows: (U)

"MISS SMEDLEY left Shanghai on August 18, 1936 when she vacated #2 Bearn Apartments, No. 96 Rue Marcel Tillot and made her way to Peiping by rail. In Peiping she was in touch with EDGAR SNOW for some time, afterwards leaving that town for Sian." (U)

The files of the Passport Division of the Department of State, reflected a letter which had been written by AGNES SMEDLEY on August 8, 1930 which had been referred to the Department of State by []

[] The letter itself was to a person referred to in the salutation of the letter as "Dear E.". SMEDLEY requested E. to [] and talk with him because of the fact that she felt that British Secret Service had sent a special request to the Canton police to watch her because, according to SMEDLEY, they said she was not a journalist at all. (U)

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b7C but a representative of the Communist International engaged in Communist
b7D propaganda. In this letter which [] referred to the State Department, SMEDLEY stated "I tell you presently that I am not engaged in any way in Communist agitation. I am of Left opinions as you know but I do not hide the fact. I write and say what I think. Back of the whole thing stands the British Secret Service because they suspect I have something to do with India. I write constantly for the Indian Press. They want to get their clutches on me as they have on the Indian readers. I understand they are trying to force me out of China". (U)

b7C The letterhead of the letter by which [] referred the letter
b7D of AGNES SMEDLEY to the State Department indicated that []
[] at that time.

The files of [] also reflected information which was received (U)
on May 3, 1929, source of this information was not given by the files of (U)
[] which reflected that this information was received from a source
closely in touch with Hindu activities and considered reliable:

b2 This informant of [] advised that AGNES SMEDLEY's correct
name is AYOO, and that she is of mixed parentage, mostly North American
Indian and English although, according to this informant of [] she very
much resents the latter condition. Also, according to this informant,
SMEDLEY is said to be a journalist and has had articles accepted. She
was a close associate and "friend" of H. L. GUPTO, well-known Hindu
conspirator and agitator and is said to have lived with him. The
informant further informed [] that SMEDLEY has also been suspected
of being an advocate of free love and had worked for and with BAJPAI RAI
for whom she furnished information and also did typing. For a while,
she was a school teacher and supervisor at San Diego, California and
was also in Los Angeles for a time. She was educated at Berkeley,
California but the informant did not know whether she ever received
a degree. The informant also advised that she had appeared in the
movies and that her age at that time (1929) was approximately 38, and
that she was thin and unattractive. She also taught in a Mexican School
for two years, and at one time, attended New York University in Washington
Square and was taking a Spanish course there. (U)

b2 This informant also stated that at one time she was secretary
of the Civic Club but resigned for some personal reason, and she was
also connected with the Congress of Forums on 13th Street. Also, according
to this informant of [] AGNES SMEDLEY resided at one time at 16 East 19th
Street but moved from there to 38 Union Square because she claimed that
her room had been searched. She was arrested by the Department of Justice
on March 16, 1918 and was afterwards released on \$5,000.00 bail, said to
have been furnished by Reverend PERCY STICKNEY GRANT, which in turn is said (U)

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to have received the money from a MRS. FLAGLER of New York and Connecticut who is interested in prison reform.

The informant further stated that "while there is a good deal to show that she has been very intimate with Hindus and doubtless was mistress to some of them, there is no evidence that I have to show that she married any of them".

The information furnished above by the informant, who is stated to be in close touch with Hindu activities and considered reliable by [redacted] has not been verified by investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The identity of this informant also is not known by the FBI. (U)

b2 The files of [redacted] also reflected information, which had been received from one of the representatives of [redacted] to the effect that one [redacted] American citizen attached to the Chinese Government as an Aviation Specialist, was in Sian during the latter part of 1936 and b7C advised among other things that AGNES SMEDLEY, an American citizen, had been broadcasting nightly in pro-Communist and anti-religious veins. (U)

b2 Information has been set forth in the investigative section of this report reflecting that the files of [redacted] contained information received January 3, 1937 showing that AGNES SMEDLEY was in contact with persons in Shanghai while she was in Sian and had informed them regarding the successes of CHU EN LAI and had also informed them as to her conferences with the Moscow delegation in Sian. This information is now being set forth in toto. (U)

b2 The files of [redacted] also contained information received from one of its representatives by letter dated January 3, 1937 which had been made available to [redacted] representative b [redacted] This information furnished by [redacted] consisted of two letters which had been sent by MISS SMEDLEY from Sian through the American Express Company in Shanghai. One of the letters was addressed to [redacted] and the other to forwarded to the American [redacted]. The contents of the letter addressed to [redacted] was as follows: (U)

b2 b7C "Up to the present LOW EN LAY (CHU EN-LAI) meets only success, for the whole army of General YANG is on our side, the rest of the troops cannot be considered as being on our side but most of them are demoralized. The general situation in Shanghai is to be watched as well as the propaganda which must begin in full with the opening of war actions. It is necessary, absolutely, to exercise an influence by means of the propaganda on English public opinions which is at present the main factor in obtaining the necessary means for further development of actions. With this regard I rely upon the 'three G's and upon 'B'." (U)

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(U) [] interpreted these initials to mean: (U) (U)

1. Editor of the local magazine "Voice of China",
 M. GRANICH, with offices in the Far Eastern Publishing Company,
 751 Bubbling Well Road.

2. Editor of Shanghai "Evening Post and Mercury", []

(U) 3. Well-known follower of TROTSKY - []

(U) Thus [] interpreted the "3 G's" in the above letter by SMEDLEY
 to be M. GRANICH, [] believed that the "B" referred to
 is a person by the name of []

The letter written by SMEDLEY to [] read as follows: (U)

"CHU EN-LAI and myself had a long conference here with the
 Moscow delegation and I confirm now my previous statement that Moscow
 will do nothing for the support of the Chinese Red Army. STALIN is
 playing here as well as in Spain -- he will not support the foreign armies.
 FELDMAN is here as representative of the HABAROUSK military authorities
 and last week VANMIN arrived from Dmitrieff, who stated that military
 ammunition is expected soon via ILL and HAMI. Besides that -- the Urga Depot
 has promised a certain number of planes but for the time being the
 Habarousk authorities have postponed their forwarding." (U)

The files of [] also contained the following information dated
 January 21, 1937 which was furnished to a representative of []

"Main representative in China of the Anti-Imperialistic League,
 whose American Headquarters are located at 132 East 65th Street, New York
 City, the chief of the American branch is an American [] whose
 organ is called the 'Worker's World'." (U)

"Some weeks ago MISS SMEDLEY left Shanghai for the Peking-
 Tientsin area, where she got in touch with EDGAR SNOW, American correspondent
 who recently completed a tour of the Northwest. SNOW helped MISS SMEDLEY
 get in touch with representatives of the Chinese Communist Party in Sianfu
 and she went there upon the outbreak of trouble to advise union with the
 Chinese Soviet Government, and the organization of a 'national front'. The
 present administration in Sian gave MISS SMEDLEY permission to use the
 radio for her propaganda work. The entire communistic work in Sian among
 the population and among the officials is governed mainly by foreign
 representatives of whom there are now five residents in the city, of various
 leftist organizations assisting the Comintern." (U)

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"MISS SMEDLEY is in touch with Shanghai representatives of the League in the following ways: (u)

"1. She sends information as news to Reuter's Agency in Peiping, in-care-of [] Chinese assistant manager of that branch. b7C The latter sends this information in the form of private correspondence either to MR. M. GRANICH, 751 Bubbling Well Road, in-care-of the American Express Company, 158 Kiukiang Road, or to private addresses agreed upon. (u)

"2. A portion of the information is sent to Hankow in-care-of GUDZAR Company, but methods used are unknown. This firm is b7C closely connected with the Soviet Assistant Military Attache [] presumably reaches the Soviet Embassy through that source." (u)

The above information furnished by [] further reflected that in b2 Sian, AGNES SMEDLEY had been living with a Chinese and had assumed the name of MRS. SI, (probably HSI). (u)

Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York dated December 5, 1949 requesting that the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of State be checked in an attempt to identify one [] who was a Russian National believed to have been formerly b7C an inspector of the [] in Shanghai.

The records of the State Department were checked and reflected no person by that name who could possibly be identified with the person in question.

✓ The files of the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, were checked and no identification could be effected on the person by the name of [] in question. However, the following background information is being set forth on one IVAN VASILIEVITCH EMELIANOFF and one ALPHONSE ELLMAN EMELIANOFF. Inasmuch as it cannot be ascertained from the information in the b7C Immigration and Naturalization Service files whether either of these individuals could possibly be identical with [] leads are being set forth to attempt to locate these persons in order to identify them.

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service file contained the following background information on IVAN VASILIEVITCH EMELIANOFF. He made petition for citizenship on December 28, 1932 at which time he gave his residence as 510 West 123rd Street, New York, New York, and stated that he was born at Tiumen, Russia on November 1, 1880. His application for Petition of Citizenship further indicated that his last foreign residence was Prague, Czechoslovakia, and that he entered the United States on July 8, 1927. The affidavits of witnesses to this petition were signed by [redacted] who resided at [redacted], New York, New York, and [redacted] who resided at [redacted] Flushing, Long Island, New York.

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Certificate of citizenship #3740451 was issued to IVAN EMELIANOFF on April 10, 1933 at the District Court of the United States at New York City.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service files also contained the following background information on ALPHONSE ELLMAN EMELIANOFF who was formerly known as ALPHONSE ELLMAN. He declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States on July 1, 1924 at the United States District Court of the Eastern District at Brooklyn, New York, at which time he stated that he resided at 3 West 102 Street, New York, New York, and that he was born on February 5, 1898 at St. Petersburg, Russia. He entered the United States at Norfolk, Virginia, under the name of ALPHONSE ELLMAN on May 4, 1922. The witnesses to his petition for citizenship were [redacted] Long Island, New York, and [redacted] Long Island, New York. ALPHONSE ELLMAN EMELIANOFF was naturalized June 13, 1932 at New York City.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JAMES T. O'BRIEN dated May 27, 1949 at New York City in which a lead was set forth for this office to attempt to locate one [redacted] described as a Chinese engineer possibly from Hankow, China who contacted SMEDLEY in New York in February of 1945. (u)

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In regard to this lead, the files of the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service were checked but no identification could be made concerning anyone who could possibly have been the person referred to as [redacted]

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Also in regard to the same referenced report of Special Agent JAMES T. O'BRIEN, it is noted that this office had no informant familiar with Hungarian activities who would be in a position to determine the significance of communications between SMEDLEY and the Hungarian Legation. (u)

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Also in regard to the same referenced report of Special Agent JAMES T. O'BRIEN, the following background information was obtained from the Credit Bureau in Washington, D. C. concerning I. F. STONE of 5618 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D. C. The records of the Credit Bureau reflect that STONE's wife's name is [redacted] and that they formerly resided at 6836 Kessell Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, and that STONE was the Washington representative of P. M. Newspaper for five years and had also been the Washington editor of the Nation magazine from August, 1940 until 1943. Prior to that time, he had been with the Nation magazine in New York for several years. Their name was originally ISIDOR FEINSTEINE but was changed legally in New York City February 18, 1938. b7C

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has advised that ISADOR STONE has been in contact with [redacted] [redacted] Plenipotentiary of the Czechoslovakian Government who resides at [redacted]. This information was furnished in March of 1949. The extent of these contacts are not known to [redacted]. b2 b7D

In regard to the Committee for the Nations Health of 1416 F Street, N. W., the files of Stone's Mercantile Agency reflected the following information:

This information was gathered by Stones January 26, 1948 and stated that the business address for this committee was 914 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and also 1790 Broadway, New York City. The records of Stones further indicated that this committee was incorporated March 14, 1946 under New York laws as a non-profit membership corporation without capital stock for the purpose of promoting prompt passage of legislation for the nations health. The organization is for national health insurance and for federal aid to states for public health, national and child services, medical research and education, medical care for indigents and also for the construction of hospital centers throughout the United States. It proposes medical charity and is financed by voluntary contributions.

Also in regard to the referenced report of Special Agent JAMES T. O'BRIEN, it is noted that the files of the Washington Field Office contained no information concerning ERIC SEVEREID. However, "Who's Who", volume 25, for the year 1948 to 1949, reflected that ERIC SEVEREID is a radio correspondent who was born November 26, 1912 at Velva, North Dakota, and who is presently news correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting System, business office being in-care-of CBS, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

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b2 No leads are being set out by this office concerning the various bits of information concerning AGNES SMEDLEY as was contained in the files of [] because of the fact that this office is not in receipt of all the reports on the subject, and therefore, is not in a position to know whether any of this information, or all of it, has been verified by a previous investigation. Also no leads are being set out to verify any of the above information inasmuch as much of it deals with activities of SMEDLEY as far back as 1923 and 1929, and therefore, it is possible that the office of origin might not deem it necessary to check on background information as early as that date in regard to the instant investigation. (U) (S)

Inasmuch as the office of origin might desire to set forth leads in this case to other offices, five copies of this report have been designated for the office of origin and also additional copies have been designated for the files of the Washington Field Office.

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NEW YORK OFFICE
AT NEW YORK

Will conduct necessary investigation at 510 West 123rd Street, New York City, in order to ascertain if IVAN VASILIEVITCH EMELIANOFF could possibly be identical with the person [redacted] who was formerly an inspector of the [redacted] in Shanghai.

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New York will also conduct necessary investigation at 3 West 102nd Street, New York City, in order to ascertain if ALPHONSE ELLMAN EMELIANOFF could be identical with the questioned [redacted]

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[redacted] is Files of Security Division, State Department.

[redacted] is Records of Municipal Police, Shanghai, China.

[redacted] is Office of Commissioner of Public Safety, Canton, China.

[redacted] is Files of [redacted]

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 1, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY, Was
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A pending report in this case was dictated 3/1/50 and will be forwarded as soon as it is transcribed.

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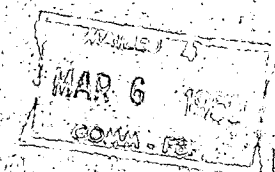
A complete review has been made of all Bureau file references, the results of which have been set forth in a summary memorandum. Although the vast bulk of the pertinent material appearing in this memorandum has been incorporated into previous reports as submitted in this matter, a copy of the memorandum is being transmitted herewith to the New York Office. It is requested that this memorandum be thoroughly reviewed and that pertinent information not previously set forth in report form be incorporated into the next investigative report that is submitted in this case, and that any logical leads resulting from this review be fully developed.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Information regarding SMEDLEY's activities on visits to New York prior to leaving for England reflect frequent contact with persons and organizations sympathetic to the Communist Party. SMEDLEY and [redacted] with whom SMEDLEY resided, were among persons invited to a reception at the Yugoslav Consulate on an unknown date. SMEDLEY reported in attendance at a conference, Communist sponsored, in London of the "Britain-China Friendship Association" on 12/3-4/49. [In 1931 [redacted] of the Labor International Aid Society informed Shanghai representative that SMEDLEY was "a comrade" who enjoyed the full confidence of that organization.]

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DETAILS:

(U) ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, made available the names of the following persons who were contacted by SMEDLEY when she resided at the Hotel Carteret in New York City during visits to New York prior to leaving for England. Informant was unable to furnish any information regarding the nature of these contacts. The dates placed after each name indicates the dates on which SMEDLEY made such contact.

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New York, New York

(August 7, 24, 26, 28; September 2, 4, 24, 25, 26, 30;
October 3, 4, 8, 19, 21, 26, 31; November 2, 3, 7, 11,
12, 1949)

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that
on May 18, 1945, one [redacted] whose return address was [redacted]
[redacted] c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, wrote a letter to [redacted]
[redacted] Saratoga Springs, New York, stating, "As
Agnes no doubt has told you, I am working on a book and I will need a few months
to finish it." He also stated that SMEDLEY had recommended Yaddo to him as
a good place to work.

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on
November 14, 1947, that one [redacted] an actor in the cast of "Call Me Mister"
was the most active person in a pro-Communist clique, which dominated the cast
of this production. Informant stated that [redacted] continually made speeches
praising Russia's interest in the working class.

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[redacted]
New York, New York

(August 2, 25, 26, 30, 31; September 13, 19, 21, 1949)

One [redacted] alias [redacted] arrived at Jersey City,
New Jersey, [redacted] aboard the SS Gripsholm on its seventh repatriation
voyage from India and Greece. In her passenger questionnaire she stated that
she had embarked at Bombay, India destined to the East and West Association,
40 East 49th Street, New York City. She was born [redacted] in China, a
citizen of China. She stated that she had previously resided in the United States
from 1941 to 1943, had obtained her Master's Degree at Columbia and had previous-
ly traveled in England and Europe, attending International Student Conferences
as a representative of the Young Womens Christian Association.

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that
a Miss KUNG PU SHENG, identified as an International Secretary of the YWCA,
had addressed a meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People in Richmond, Virginia, in 1943. She was presented by ANNA MAE WITHERS,

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a Vice President of the Southern Negro Congress, which, the informant stated, was a "Communist front". Miss PU SHENG is quoted as saying, "You should check your reactionary Senators and take your place in the all out struggle of liberties of all people at home and abroad".

The October 20, 1945 issue of the "Peoples's Voice" carried an article and photograph of one KUNG PU SHENG, identified as a student at Columbia University, formerly with the Youth Movement of the YWCA in China. The article dealt with the anniversary celebration of the founding of the Chinese Republic.

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that
b7D the "People's Voice", now a defunct newspaper, closely followed the Communist Party line and was partially financed by the Communist Party. (U) (U)

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that []
[] was a former Columbia University student and an employee of
b2 the United China Relief, 1790 Broadway, New York City. From []
b7D [] she was employed in the Research Section of the Human
b7C Rights Division of the United Nations Organization. During the period of
her employment, her address was listed with the United Nations as [] (U)
[] Hong Kong, China.

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that []
records of the [] New York City, reflected
b2 that one [] c/o United Nations, had sent nine monthly checks, be-
b7D ginning [], totaling []
b7C Hong Kong. One or two of these checks were also sent to []
[] Hong Kong.

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The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York City reflect that [redacted] left the United States via Pan-American Airways Flight on [redacted] at San Francisco, and left Honolulu on the same day for the Philippine Islands.

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New York, New York

(October 9, 1949)

The 1949 report of the California State Committee on Un-American Activities identifies [redacted] as one of a group of sponsors of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace held at New York City, March 25 to 27, 1949. This Committee also reported [redacted] "has been affiliated with from eleven to twenty Communist front organizations".

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Brooklyn, New York

(November 14, 1949)

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[Confidential Informant [redacted] of unknown reliability,] who was well acquainted with persons in the newspaper business, advised on April 30, 1941 that one [redacted] was a Communist newspaper man employed by the "Brooklyn Eagle" and also by the magazine, "Friday", which followed the Communist line.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, reported that from [redacted] when he was inducted into the United States Navy, one [redacted] for the National Maritime Union, was in frequent friendly contact with officials of the Communist Party, and was undoubtedly a Communist sympathizer.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that during the period of [redacted] employment by the National Maritime Union, this Union was completely dominated by its Communist officials and only Communist Party members or close sympathizers could obtain employment in the Union.

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[Confidential Informant , of known reliability, advised that Brooklyn, New York, is presently employed as of "In Fact", a publication which was cited as a "Communist Front" by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 24, 1944.] (U)

IN FACT, INC.
280 Lafayette Street
New York, New York (November 14, 1949)

Information concerning this publication is set out above.

EITARO ISHIGAKI
219 West 14th Street
New York, New York (August 2, 31; September 23; October 1, 1949)

On November 21, 1949 Mr. and Mrs. EITARO ISHIGAKI, 219 West 14th Street, New York City, were interviewed by SA and the writer. They stated they were acquaintances of SMEDLEY, having met her in 1945 when they were guests at the Yaddo Estate, a retreat for artists and writers at Saratoga Springs, New York. They stated their acquaintance with SMEDLEY was purely social. Since that time they have seen SMEDLEY rather frequently and received a visit from her shortly before her departure from the United States for Europe. The ISHIGAKIS stated that SMEDLEY had openly expressed contempt for the American Communist Party but was a wholehearted supporter of the Communist regime in China.

(U)
New York, New York (August 22, 1949)

[On February 2, 1944 Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that had been elected Executive Secretary of the Chelsea Branch of the Communist Party, which has a membership of over three hundred. Informant]

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b7C stated that [] was formerly Membership Secretary of the Third and Fifth Assembly Districts Clubs of the Communist Political Association until they were dissolved.

b2 On April 6, 1949 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability,
b7D advised that one [] had contributed to the New York County Communist Party during June and July, 1945. ~~(U)~~

b7C Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on May
b2 27, 1949 that [] was an active member of the Communist Party. ~~(U)~~

b7D
b7C SARAH V. MONTGOMERY
310 West 11th Street
New York, New York (August 22, 1949)

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on August
b7D 8, 1944 that membership records of the Greenwich Village Club of the Communist Political Association reflected that SALLY MONTGOMERY of 136 West 16th Street, New York City, held Communist Political Association Book #2211. Informant stated that the records showed her to be a woman about forty-five years of age, with the Party name of SALLY VICTOR. ~~(U)~~

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that SARAH
b7D V. MONTGOMERY had formerly resided in Washington, D.C., where her husband, DON MONTGOMERY, from whom she is now separated, was employed by the Consumers Council of the Department of Agriculture. She was active in the Washington, D.C. Branch of the American Peace Mobilization and was observed leading pickets in front of the White House for this organization on June 21, 1941. ~~(U)~~

~~BOOK FIND CLUB~~
401 Broadway
New York, New York (October 21, 1949)

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that at
b7D a Communist Party Membership meeting on August 8, 1944, at Berkeley, California, one [] a Communist Party member, described the Book Find Club as "one of our outfits". ~~(U)~~

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[redacted]
New York, New York (September 24, 1949)

b7C [Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,] advised that
b2 one [redacted] gave a course entitled, "Marxian Economics I" during the 1928-29
semester of the Workers School. *Parton of pgs 1 line 2+3 U per New 8/16/83*
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b2 [On August 8, 1944 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,
b7D advised that [redacted] had recruited five individuals into the Greenwich Village
b7C Club of the Communist Party. This informant also advised that [redacted] resided at
[redacted] New York City and was the wife of [redacted]. He further
advised that she was a member of the Greenwich Village Club of the Communist Party,
was employed as a teacher and was active in the American Labor Party.

b2 [Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,] advised that
b7D [redacted] alias [redacted] had visited the Soviet Union with
b7C her husband in about 1932 and had been entertained by ANNA LOUISE STRONG in
Moscow.

DONALD OGDEN STEWART
8 East 10th Street
New York, New York (November 8, 14, 1949)

b2 [On December 5, 1944 Confidential Informant [redacted] of known
b7D reliability,] advised that he believed that STEWART was not a member of the Communist
Party but was a very active "fellow-traveler" due to the influence of his wife,
ELLA WINTER.

b2 [Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,] advised that
b7D DONALD OGDEN STEWART had been a sponsor of the American Committee for the Protection
of the Foreign Born, the American League for Peace and Democracy, the American
Peace Mobilization, the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and other "Front"
groups of the Communist Party during the period from 1938 to 1941.

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The New York "Daily News" and the "Daily Mirror" of October 21, 1947 reflected that testimony had been given before the House Un-American Activities Committee by movie director SAM WOOD and JACK L. WARNER, a Vice President of Warner Brothers, that DONALD OGDEN STEWART, a Hollywood scenario writer, was a Communist.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ARTS, SCIENCES
AND PROFESSIONS
49 West 44th Street
New York, New York

(August 30; September 3, 14, 15; October 29, 1949)

This organization was termed "one of the most important Communist front groups in the country" by the California State Committee on Un-American Activities.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN
SOVIET FRIENDSHIP
232 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

(November 14, 1949)

This organization is carried on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

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~~INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS~~

1 East 54th Street

New York, New York

(August 23; September 12; October 11, 1949)

This organization describes itself as "an unofficial and non-political organization founded in 1925 to facilitate the scientific study of the peoples of the Pacific area. It is privately financed by contributions from National Councils, Corporations and Foundations".

The May 9, 1947 issue of the New York "Journal-American" carried a story that students at the Western High School in Washington, D.C. had staged a walk-out strike against one SHURA LEWIS, a Soviet born lecturer who had been supplied by the Institute of Pacific Relations, because she disparaged the United States educational systems as compared with the Russian system.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, stated that the Institute of Pacific Relations was at one time heavily infiltrated, and at times controlled, by the Communist Party. (U)

On March 15, 1949 the Institute of Pacific Relations announced that it had elected new officers and had dropped [redacted] prominent apologist for the Soviet Union, from its Board.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has previously reported that one [redacted] of New York City had advised SMEDLEY on December 22, 1944, at which time she was residing at Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York, that he was staying at the home of [redacted], Queens, New York. (U)

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted] in 1945 was a regular member of the Board on China of the Institute of Pacific Relations. He was in frequent contact with [redacted] editor of the magazine, "Amerasia", who later pleaded guilty to embezzlement of Government documents. He was also a contact of the delegates sent by the Chinese Communist (U)

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Party as observers to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco in 1945. ~~(S)~~ (U)

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the
b7D names of Miss AGNES SMEDLEY and [] were contained on a
b7C mailing list of persons invited to a reception given by MIODRAS MARKOVIC, Consul
General for Yugoslavia in New York City. Informant was unable to supply the
date of this reception. The address for both SMEDLEY and [] was given as
Palisades, Rockland County, New York. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised that on December 3rd and 4th, 1948 a British-China Conference was held in London under the sponsorship of the Britain-China Friendship Association. AGNES SMEDLEY was identified as being present at these proceedings but played little active part as far as could be ascertained. Informant stated that the Britain-China Friendship Association was under the sponsorship of "Communist and left-wing Socialist leaders", and the conference itself received favorable publicity from the British Communist weekly "World News and Views", as well as the British publication of the "Daily Worker". The conference was said to have been extremely critical of the role of the United States in the Far East.

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The December, 1949 issue of the monthly magazine "Plain Talk" contains an article entitled, "AGNES SMEDLEY and GUNTHER STEIN" by RICHARD SORGE. This article contains excerpts from the SORGE statement dealing with SORGE's use of SMEDLEY and STEIN as members of the espionage rings, which he operated in China and Japan. The article contains no information not previously reported.

b2 In addition to the names of persons listed in the main body of
b7D this report as contacts of SMEDLEY while residing at the [redacted] Confid-
ential Informant [redacted] applied the following: (S) (U)

SIMON AND SCHUSTER
1213 Sixth Avenue
New York, New York (November 3, 1949)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
New York City, New York (August 25, 1949)

ALFRED KNOPF
501 Madison Avenue
New York, New York (August 8, 11, 15, 18, 1949)

CHARLES SCRIBNER & SONS
597 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York (November 1, 1949)

[redacted]
Photographer

b7C [redacted]
New York, New York (September 22, 1949)

By letter dated April 28, 1942 [redacted] a photographer,
of [redacted] New York City, advised the New York Office that one [redacted]
[redacted] of Tannersville, New York, was pro-Hitler.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd.)

THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN
19 Murray Street
New York, New York

(August 16, 31; September 26; October 5, 14, 20;
November 10, 1949)

The masthead of this publication states that it is "the only newspaper endorsed by the Progressive Party and the American Labor Party."

[redacted]

New York, New York

(August 9; October 24; November 4, 1949)

b7C In the "Cocase; Espionage - G", it was ascertained that various pieces of mail which originated at the St. Hubert Hotel, New York City, on January 11, 1944 had possibly been sent by [redacted] one of the subjects in this case. One of these letters was addressed to [redacted] c/o [redacted]

[redacted] The return address on this letter was [redacted] St. Hubert Hotel, New York, 18. By report dated January 21, 1944 the FBI Laboratory advised that handwriting comparisons had led to the conclusion that subject [redacted] or his wife had not written this letter.

b7C On February 18, 1942 one [redacted] New York City, gave a telephonic complaint regarding possible pro-Nazi activities on the part of JEROME'S PENTHOUSE, a beauty parlor at 119 West 57th Street, New York City, and one [redacted] New York City.

[redacted]

New York, New York

(August 15, 25, 31; September 3, 12, 16, 26, 29;
October 22, 1949)

b7C Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that on September 6, 1949, [redacted] the permanent Yugoslav delegate to the United Nations, visited this office and placed a telephone call to the office of [redacted] attorney. Informant could supply no information concerning

b2 [redacted] (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd.)

PAUL HALDER
1623 First Avenue
New York, New York (October 18, 1949)

b7C PAUL HALDER, 350 East 89th Street, New York City, operating a butcher business at 1684 First Avenue, was interviewed in connection with a Denaturalization Proceeding on November 15, 1943 by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]. HALDER stated that he had been born June 28, 1902 at Neustadt, Germany as PAUL SPIEGELHALDER and was subsequently naturalized on January 16, 1939 at New York City under the name of HALDER. He stated that he had visited Germany for three months in 1939 and had two brothers-in-law in the German Army. He admitted membership in the Deutscher Konsum Verband, an affiliate of the German-American Bund. He also admitted advertising his business in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, an official publication of the Bund. He claimed that this was solely for business reasons.

RICARD LAUTERBACH
142 East 18th Street
New York, New York (October 24; November 1, 3, 1949)

LAUTERBACH is a free lance journalist, a former news editor for "Time" magazine, and a former Bureau Chief for "Time", in Moscow from 1944 to 1945. He was formerly a correspondent in China. Until January, 1949 he was Managing Editor of the "New York Star".

b2 b7D Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that LAUTERBACH was a sponsor of the China Aid Council, a Communist dominated organization, and is at the present time organizing a "Writers Freedom Board" to combat the Smith Act. Informant also stated that LAUTERBACH was a sponsor of the World Peace Conference held in New York City in March, 1949 under the auspices of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions. ~~C~~ (U)

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O. JOHN ROGGE
400 East 52nd Street
New York, New York

(September 3, 19, 22, 24; October 31, 1949)

ROGGE is a former Assistant Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice. The "New York Post" of October 10, 1949 reported that ROGGE appeared before a Senate Judiciary Committee stating that he represented the Progressive Party of HENRY WALLACE to protest the appointment of former Attorney General TOM CLARK to the United States Supreme Court.

The "Morning Freiheit" of September 27, 1949 reported that ROGGE had been a delegate to the Mexico City Peace Conference of September 19, 1949 which was sponsored by the National Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that
b7D ROGGE made a speech on October 27, 1949 at New York City at a meeting held under the auspices of the National Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, protesting the conviction of the eleven Communist leaders under the Smith Act. (U)

It will be noted that shortly after the release of an Army Intelligence report on February 9, 1949 naming SMEDLEY as a member of a Soviet espionage ring in Shanghai, SMEDLEY gave interview to the press at the office of O. JOHN ROGGE, who was identified as her attorney.

b7C []
b2 New York, New York
b7D (November 1, 1949)

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico had received a two dollar contribution from [] of New York. Informant also advised by letter dated June 14, 1943 the National Committee of the Communist Party had pledged "our full support to the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico". (U)

b2 Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised on
b7D October 17, 1944 that one [] was a
b7C Nationalist Party member but did not attend the Junta of Manhattan.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (Cont'd.)

The list of contacts made by SMEDLEY from the [redacted] in New York City has not been completed in this report, but will be furnished in future reports.

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By letter dated December 6, 1949 the Bureau called attention to the report of the writer dated September 19, 1949 at New York City wherein it was reported that a listing of approximately three hundred sixty two toll calls from the telephone [redacted] Sneden's Landing, New York, had been obtained. The Bureau requested that the individuals to whom these calls were made should be identified and their names checked through the Indices of field offices covering the territory in which they resided.

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LEADS

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At New York, New York

Will set forth and identify the remainder of the subscribers to telephone numbers called by SMEDLEY while at the [redacted] New York City. b7D

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Will ascertain the subscribers of the telephone numbers called from [redacted] Sneden's Landing, Palisades, New York, and identify same.

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* Will contact the New York City Tax Collector, 50 Pine Street, to ascertain the identity of the owner of the premises [redacted] New York City and will locate and interview this person with reference to the identity of [redacted] who resided there in 1937.

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* Will report the results of the mail cover on [redacted] alias [redacted] care of the China Aid Council, 1790 Broadway, New York City. (U)

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* Will reinterview [redacted] Apartment [redacted] telephone number [redacted] for any further information he may possess regarding SMEDLEY's activities in connection with the Chinese Section of the Communist Party and for any information he may have as to the whereabouts of [redacted] and [redacted]

* Will further identify the following contact of the subject: [redacted] telephone [redacted] (U)

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* Will obtain background information on [redacted] Street, New York City. (U)

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LEADS (CONTINUED)

* Will conduct necessary investigation at 510 West 123rd Street, New York City, in order to ascertain if IVAN VASILIEVITCH EMELIANOFF could possibly be identical with the person named [] who was formerly an inspector of the [] in Shanghai.

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* Will also conduct necessary investigation at 3 West 102nd Street, New York City, in order to ascertain if ALPHONSE ELLMAN EMELIANOFF could be identical with the questioned []

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[] (In connection with these last two leads the report of SA [] 1/24/50, Washington, D.C., in the SMEDLEY case, should be consulted.)

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants mentioned in the report of SA James T. O'Brien dated MAR 22 1950 at New York are as follows: (S) (U)

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Information contained in a teletype dated 7/25/45, Newark to New York, quoting information received from the Bureau, no source given, case entitled, [REDACTED] FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL".

[REDACTED] of the United Nations

Information obtained by SA [REDACTED]

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A pretext telephone call to the home of [redacted]

information given to SA [redacted]

information given to SA [redacted]

Anonymous

Washington Field Informant- [redacted]

San Francisco Informant [redacted]

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[redacted] information obtained by SAS Harvey E. Rath
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"A confidential source known to the Bureau", as quoted in Bureau letter dated 3/12/41, New York File 39-155.

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Anonymous source listed in the report of SA [redacted] 3/18/49, New York, in the case entitled, "YUGOSLAV CONSULATE, NEW YORK CITY; INTERNAL SECURITY-YU & R", New York File 100-81741.

Information received from the [redacted] forwarded by Bureau letter 11/9/49 in the SMEDLEY file.

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A memorandum to the Secretary of State from the First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy in London. Information was forwarded by Bureau letter of 1/11/50 in the SMEDLEY case.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File 61-6580
Report of SA James T. O'Brien, 1/12/50, New York

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Reference is made to our memoranda of November 21, 1949,
November 30, 1949, and December 1, 1949.

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cc - Legal Attache, London, England

cc - Foreign Service Desk
cc - Mr. D. M. Ladd
cc - Mr. A. H. Belmont

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LEGAL ATTACHE
LONDON, ENGLAND

cc-Foreign Service Desk

(X) AGNES SNEDELEY, IS R. [IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE
SUBJECT SINCE HER ARRIVAL IN ENGLAND. ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN DATE OF
CONTEMPLATED RETURN TO US.] NEWSPAPER INDICATES SHE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN
WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE SUBPOENAED BY CONGRESSIONAL
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: AGNES SMEDLEY
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PURPOSE

To recommend that New York be authorized to conduct an interview and baggage search of Agnes Smedley upon her return to the United States.

BACKGROUND

Agnes Smedley, an American citizen and well known pro-Soviet writer and lecturer, was publicly charged in the ill-advised press release issued by the Department of the Army on February 10, 1949, with having been implicated in the Richard Sorge Soviet espionage network which operated in the Far East in 1930 - 1941. The subject of an extensive investigation, Smedley left the United States on November 15, 1949 en route to England, stating that she expected to remain there for about five months for the purpose of completing a book. She has indicated that her plans are indefinite but that she might go to China.

The April 10, 1950 issue of the New York Journal American carried an article by David Sentner in which he wrote that Smedley was expected to return from abroad within the next few weeks and would be subpoenaed by "Congressional spy probers" (the HCUA).

RECOMMENDATION

It is suggested that the New York Office be instructed to interview Smedley immediately upon her return to the United States and be authorized to conduct a discreet search of her baggage. A teletype to that effect is attached hereto for your approval.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS., INTERNAL SECURITY - R. NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN OF APRIL TEN, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY, CARRIES AN ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON, APRIL TEN, BY DAVID SENTNER OF THE JOURNAL AMERICAN WASHINGTON BUREAU, STATING THAT SMEDLEY WAS SCHEDULED "TO BE SUBPOENAED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL SPY PROBERS". ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT SMEDLEY WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM ABROAD "WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DENY THE CHARGES BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES".

THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO QUOTE WHITTAKER CHAMBERS TESTIMONY, BEFORE A CLOSED SESSION ON HCUA, REGARDING THE MEETING WHICH HE ARRANGED BETWEEN SMEDLEY AND JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN, PRIOR TO SHERMAN-S DEPARTURE TO JAPAN. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY ANY INFO RECEIVED AS TO SMEDLEY-S PLANS TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES. LOCAL STOPS AGAINST SMEDLEY-S RETURN HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PLACED. IN CONNECTION WITH PLACING OF STOPS NATIONALLY, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER BAGGAGE SEARCH IS AUTHORIZED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ~~D. M. LADD~~ *HENNRICH*
 FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*
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In view of the attached article appearing in the New York Journal American date lined April 10, 1950, by David Sentner to the effect that the HCUA is going to subpoena Agnes Smedley for appearance before it, we should take immediate steps to see that this case is up to date from an investigative standpoint, that all leads have been covered, and that the reports reflecting the investigation have been submitted by the field. We should handle this by teletype and set early dead lines. We should further consider the desirability of interviewing Agnes Smedley immediately upon her return to this country.

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See Me _____ ()
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Spy Quiz to Call Agnes Smedley

By DAVID SENTNER

N. Y. Journal-American Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Agnes Smedley, linked in an Army intelligence report with the Richard Sorge Soviet espionage ring in the Far East, was scheduled to be subpoenaed by the Congressional spy probers, it was learned today.

Miss Smedley, a journalist, was expected to return from abroad within the next few weeks and be given an opportunity to deny the charges before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Committee investigators have been screening voluminous documentary material obtained from the defense services regarding the operations of the notorious pre-war Sorge spy ring in the Orient and its connections with American Communists.

AMERICAN 'FACADE'

Whittaker Chambers, ex-Communist courier, testified recently in a closed session of the House Committee that he had worked on setting up a Soviet underground apparatus in Tokyo in the middle 1930s.

Jahn Sherman, then operating in the West Coast Communist underground, was assigned by J. Peters, Comintern representative, to go to Tokyo to head a Soviet underground, Chambers testified.

Chambers was ordered to organ-

ize an American "Facade" which would make it possible for Sherman to operate in Tokyo, the former editor of Time Magazine told the committee.

The name of Agnes Smedley was brought into the testimony of Chambers as follows:

CHAMBERS: "While that apparatus was being set up, Sherman was very eager to meet Agnes Smedley, who was in the country on one of her periodical commutations and so I approached Peters about it and an agreement was made that I would meet her one night in an automat on 72d st. and would introduce her to Sherman.

DESCRIBES HER ALARM.

"We had never met before but I knew from her pictures what she looked like and Peters evidently described in a general way the nature of the man who was going to contact her because when I did meet her, she was very much alarmed and I had the impression that the man she had expected to meet was Gerhardt Eisler and it was something she said that impressed me.

(Gerhardt Eisler, Soviet Communist agent, recently skipped a bail bond by fleeing the country as a stowaway aboard the S.S. Batory.)

"She was very uneasy with me and when I introduced her to Sherman, she continued uneasy, and nothing really occurred.

He had some wild plan—he was a fairly wild man anyway—of getting over and establishing contact with the Chinese Communists. I think he hoped some time to work with them.

"That is what he wanted to talk to Smedley about. I simply bring this out as the kind of contacts that were established." Then Chambers detailed how J.



AGNES SMEDLEY
Slated for Subpoena

AP Photo.

Peters obtained a false passport for Sherman to go to Japan.

Chambers continued his testimony:

"Before he went, he gave me another task which was to find for him an American-Japanese who was connected with the highest Japanese circles and who would have easy social access to important people in Japan.

"I found for him Hideo Noda, who was a Japanese-American, I think born in California, a painter of considerable ability, who was at that time, I think, an apprentice of Diego Rivera.

"Noda was a Communist. Then, of course, I introduced Sherman and Noda, and by separate routes they traveled to Japan."

Sherman, now living in Los Angeles, was called before the House committee some weeks ago but refused to answer questions.

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ARMES SMITH, WASL, IS R. REPORTED APRIL FOURTEEN, FIFTY. NO INFO RECEIVED
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EXHIBITS AND COVERAGE OF ALL LOGICAL LEADS. SUBMIT REPORT BY APRIL TWENTY EIGHT.

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ROUTINE

AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. LEGAL ATTACHE IN LONDON ADVISES SUBJECT STILL IN ENGLAND. DATE OF RETURN TO UNITED STATES PRESENTLY UNKNOWN. APPROPRIATE STOPS BEING PLACED. FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISES THAT QUOTE SINCE ARRIVAL ENGLAND SUBJECT CAME TO NOTICE DECEMBER THIRD AND FOURTH, NINETEEN FORTY NINE, WHEN SHE ATTENDED A BRITISH-CHINA CONFERENCE FOR FRIENDSHIP AND TRADE HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF BRITISH-CHINA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, AN ORGANIZATION WITH COMMUNIST PARTY BACKING. AT CONFERENCE SUBJECT PRAISED SPEECHES OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS AND DESCRIBED DIFFICULTIES OF THE PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY AND ASKED AUDIENCE TO STAND IN SILENCE FOR A FEW MINUTES IN MEMORY OF HEROES THAT ARMY. REPORT THEY HAVE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON SUBJECT SINCE ARRIVAL ENGLAND, NOVEMBER LAST. UNQUOTE. ~~15~~ (U)

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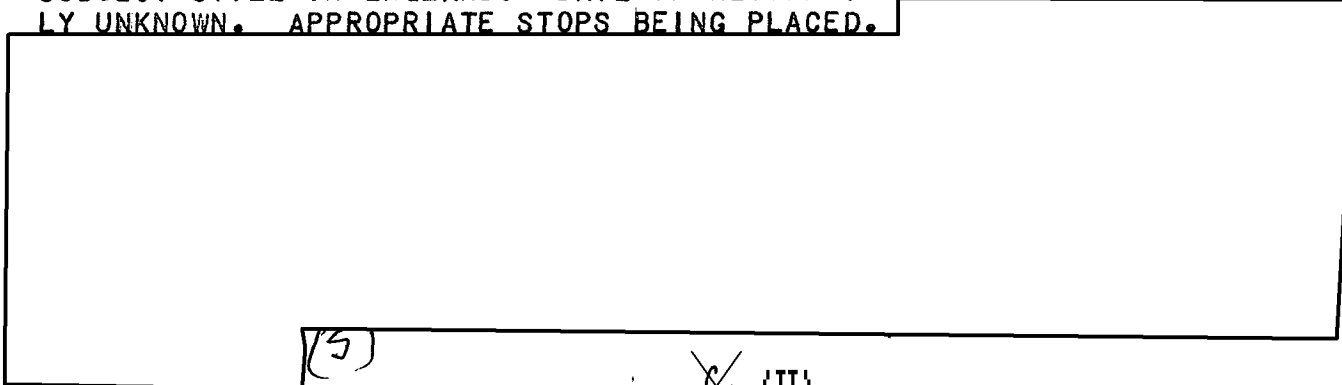
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AGNES SMEDLEY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REBUCABLE APRIL 17 LAST.
SUBJECT STILL IN ENGLAND. DATE OF RETURN TO UNITED STATES PRESENTLY UNKNOWN. APPROPRIATE STOPS BEING PLACED.



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AGNES SMEDLEY. IS R. [REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ADVISED IN MARCH, FIFTY, SUBJECT REQUESTED [REDACTED], EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES AND DORA HAYNES FOUNDATION, TWO THREE TWO FOUR S. FIGUEROA ST., LOS ANGELES, IN FORTYONE, FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WHILE SHE PREPARED HER BOOK. SUBJECT HAD JUST RETURNED FROM CHINA WHERE SHE WAS CORRESPONDENT FOR MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

[REDACTED] RELAYED SUBJECT-S REQUEST TO [REDACTED] OF THE INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ASKED IF IPR COULD AID SUBJECT. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT SUBJECT-S BOOK WOULD BE BASED ON SUBJECT-S OBSERVATIONS IN CHINA, QUOTE, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE YANGTZE WHERE SHE SPENT A LONG TIME WITH THE NATIONALIST ARMY AS WELL AS THE RED ARMIES, UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] IN TURN, REFERRED THE REQUEST TO IPR HEADQUARTERS, NYC. FINAL ACTION ON REQUEST NOT KNOWN BY INFORMANT. LA REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND HAYNES FOUNDATION AND SUBMIT INFO REPORT FORM. BUDED APRIL TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

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ALSO FOR HONOLULU

AGNES SMEDLEY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R. SMEDLEY REPORTED DUE TO
ARRIVE IN UNITED STATES IN NEAR FUTURE FROM ENGLAND, AND WILL BE
SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY BEFORE HCUA, SHE IS JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR,
OUTSPOKEN CHAMPION OF COMMUNIST FACTION IN CHINA. SPENT YEARS
1920 TO 1929 IN GERMANY, WAS ACTIVE THERE IN GROUP OF INDIAN
REVOLUTIONIST. [RELIABLE INFORMATION IS THAT SHE WAS IMPORTANT
AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE RING IN SHANGHAI, CHINA FROM
1928 TO 1932, WHILE EMPLOYED AS CORRESPONDENT FOR THE QUOTE FRANK-
FURTER ZEITUNG UNQUOTE OF BERLIN. HEAD OF THIS RING WAS RICHARD
SORGE, SOVIET SPY WHO WAS CONVICTED AND EXECUTED IN 1942. SMEDLEY
HAS SPENT MOST OF HER TIME IN FAR EAST. IN UNITED STATES WAS
CONTACT OF [REDACTED] AND OTHER PERSONS IMPLICATED IN QUOTE
AMERASIA UNQUOTE CASE.] ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO CONTACT ALL
INFORMANTS WHO MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE
SMEDLEY-S ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION SAN FRANCISCO TO INTERVIEW
PAUL CROUCH. SUREP 25TH.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R. PAUL CROUCH UNAVAILABLE
OVER WEEKEND. WILL BE INTERVIEWED MONDAY NEXT.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. BUREAU AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW
GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY, COLUMNIST, NY-JOURNAL AMERICAN, RE MY KNOWLEDGE
HE MAY HAVE OF SMEDLEY.

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PORT APPLICATION AT BERLIN, GERMANY IN TWENTYEIGHT FOR TRAVEL TO THE
ORIENT. BUDENZ STATES THAT [REDACTED] MENTIONED ABOVE IS STILL AN AC-
TIVE COMMUNIST EMPLOYED AT LABOR RESEARCH, INC., NYC. UNLESS
INSTRUCTED BY BUREAU, NY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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cc: Mr. Belmont

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SAID "I AM DOING SECRET WORK FOR INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND I LIKE TO KNOW WITH WHOM I AM DEALING." BUDENZ STATED THAT ALL OF THESE CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE WITHIN A FEW MONTHS DURING THE EARLY TWENTIES. BUDENZ WAS UNABLE TO ADD ANY ADDL INFO CONCERNING RECENT ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF AGNES SMEDLEY. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE STATEMENTS OF SMEDLEY AS QUOTED BY BUDENZ, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SMEDLEY WAS ARRESTED MAR. EIGHTEENTH, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN AT NYC, TOGETHER WITH ONE SAILENDRA NATH GHOSE ON A CHARGE OF VIOLATING SECTION THREE, TITLE EIGHT OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT AND SECTION THREE THREE TWO OF US CRIMINAL CODE FOR ACTING AS AGENT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THIS WAS DUE TO HER ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE "FRIENDS OF FREEDOM FOR INDIA." INDICTMENT CHARGING SAME VIOLATION WAS RETURNED APR. FIRST, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN BUT DISMISSED ON DEC. SIXTEENTH, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT PASSPORT RECORDS REFLECT SMEDLEY-S STATEMENT THAT SHE LEFT THE US IN JAN. NINETEEN TWENTYONE AS STEWARDESS ON A SHIP AND RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY ABROAD UNTIL TIME OF MAKING PASS-

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. LOUIS F. BUDENZ INTERVIEWED BY SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR. ON APR. TWENTYONE, FIFTY CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON ON APR. TWENTY, FIFTY THAT AGNES SMEDLEY WAS KNOWN TO HIM BY HER OWN ADMISSION AS A SOVIET SPY. BUDENZ STATED THAT HIS STATEMENT WAS BASED ON CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH MISS SMEDLEY DURING THE EARLY TWENTIES. HIS FIRST CONVERSATION WITH HER WAS AT AN AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTY UNION MEETING IN NY. AFTER MEETING BUDENZ, AGNES SMEDLEY STATED "YOU LOOK LIKE A GOVT MAN TO ME." BUDENZ STATED THAT ROGER BALDWIN OF THE ACLU ADVISED MISS SMEDLEY THAT BUDENZ WAS NOT A GOVT MAN BUT HAD WORKED WITH THE GROUP AT THE ACLU ON STRIKES IN ST. LOUIS AND OTHER PLACES. AFTER THIS MEETING WITH SMEDLEY, BUDENZ ASKED [REDACTED] WHO HE DESCRIBED AS A CP MEMBER, ACTIVE IN THE LABOR FIELD, ABOUT AGNES SMEDLEY, AND [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE WAS ENGAGED IN "SPYING" FOR THE SOVIET UNION. BUDENZ ADDED THAT SHORTLY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH [REDACTED] HE MET AGNES SMEDLEY AGAIN AND TOLD HER THAT HE HOPED SHE HAD GIVEN UP THE IDEA OF HIS BEING A GOVT MAN. SHE

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then to reinterview Budenz and furnish background and present whereabouts of [REDACTED] and Ghouse.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS - R. RE NY TEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST. RAUL CROUCH WAS ABSENT FROM SF OVER WEEKEND, RETURNED ONLY FOR FEW HOURS MONDAY, AND DEPARTED FOR MIAMI BY AIR, DUE TO ARRIVE MIAMI TUESDAY. MIAMI REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW CROUCH RE AGNES SMEDLEY PER INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL, WHICH IS BEING FURNISHED MIAMI SEPARATELY. RUC.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS, IS - R. RENYTEL APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST, REQUESTING
THIS OFFICE INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR ANY INFO HE MAY HAVE RE SMEDLEY.
FILES THIS OFFICE REFLECT [REDACTED] IS SUBJECT OF PENDING ESPY R
INVESTIGATION, (BUFILE [REDACTED]) LATEST
REPORT INDICATES [REDACTED] PRESENTLY IN CHINA. IN VIEW OF THIS, BUREAU
AUTHORITY NOT REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW.

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AGNES SMEDLEY WAS., IS-R. THE FILES OF THIS OFFICE REFLECT THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALIAS [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS OF WFO ON

JUNE TWENTYTHIRD, FORTYFIVE WITH REFERENCE TO "AMERASIA" CASE. THE

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE WFO TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] FOR ANY INFO

HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING AGNES SMEDLEY. REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO RPT

OF SA J. T. O-BRIEN, DATED JAN. ELEVEN, FIFTY, AT NYC, IN "THE RICHARD

SORGE CASE, IS-R" AND CONSIDER POSSIBILITY THAT [REDACTED] MAY BE UNIDEN-

TIFIED JOURNALIST [REDACTED] OR HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF PRINCIPALS OR ACTI-

VITIES OF SORGE RING.

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RE AGNES SMEDLEY., INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R. WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE REQUESTED TO CHECK RECORDS OF HCUA FOR ALL INFO RE SMEDLEY INCLUDING NAMES OF WITNESSES. LOS ANGELES OFFICE REQUESTED TO CHECK RECORDS OF TENNEY COMMITTEE WHICH INVESTIGATED UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA. DETROIT OFFICE REQUESTED TO CONTACT INFORMANTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FOR ANY INFO RE SMEDLEY. FOR INFO OF DETROIT OFFICE, SMEDLEY IS JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR SPECIALIZING IN FAR EAST. IN NINETEEN NINETEEN SHE WAS ACTIVE IN INDIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK CITY. FROM NINETEEN TWENTYONE TO NINETEEN TWENTYNINE SHE RESIDED IN GERMANY, WAS RELIABLY REPORTED TO BE AN ACTIVE SOVIET ESPIONAGE AGENT IN SHANGHAI, CHINA FROM NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, POSSIBLY LATER. RETURNED TO US FROM CHINA IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY [REDACTED] LEFT US FOR ENGLAND NOVEMBER NINETEEN FORTYNINE. WHILE IN US WAS ACTIVE IN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY AND OTHER COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS DEVOTED TO CHINESE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA. WAS ALSO AN ACQUAINTANCE OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PERSONS CONNECTED WITH "AMERASIA CASE". ALL OFFICES SHOULD FURNISH A TELETYPE SUMMARY TO THE BUREAU AND TO NEW YORK OF ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED AND SHOULD PREPARE A REPORT AT ONCE FOR DISSEMINATION SETTING FORTH THIS INFORMATION FULLY. ANY LOGICAL LEADS

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ARISING FROM SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE SET FORTH BY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND THE OFFICE COVERING WITH SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS.

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SAC, NEW YORK

AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. REURTEL APRIL TWENTY ONE, NINETEEN FIFTY, IN WHICH YOU ADVISED THAT SMEDLEY IS REPORTED DUE TO ARRIVE IN THE US IN THE NEAR FUTURE FROM ENGLAND AND WILL BE SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE HCUA. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY: ONE, CONSIDER THE HANDLING OF THIS CASE AS URGENT AND OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE BUREAU. TWO, ASSURE YOURSELF THAT AN AGENT IS FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND, PAST AND PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND ALLEGATIONS DIRECTED AT HER BY PERSONS WHO HAVE FURNISHED SUCH INFO TO THE BUREAU OR TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. THREE, ASSURE YOURSELF THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS HAVE BEEN PLACED SO THAT THE BUREAU OR YOUR OFFICE WILL BE ADVISED OF HER ARRIVAL IN THE US. FOUR, IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH A REVIEW OF ALL INFO IN YOUR FILES CONCERNING SUBJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHAT LOGICAL LEADS HAVE NOT BEEN SET OUT OR COVERED. FIVE, BY TELETYPE FURNISH TO OFFICES ALL LEADS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED REQUESTING A TELETYPE REPLY. INSTRUCT ALL OFFICES THAT TELETYPE REPLIES MUST BE FOLLOWED BY A REPORT IMMEDIATELY AND TO

PREPARE THE REPORTS FOR DISSEMINATION. THE BUREAU SHOULD BE

COGNIZANT OF ALL TELETYPE LEADS SET OUT IN THIS CASE SO THAT A DUPLICATION

OF TELETYPE LEADS BY THE BUREAU WILL BE ELIMINATED. SIX, ADVISE OFFICES

WITH PRESENT LEADS OUTSTANDING TO COVER ALL LEADS IMMEDIATELY AND HANDLE

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SAC, NEW YORK

AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. REURTEL APRIL TWENTYONE, NINETEENFIFTY, IN
WHICH YOU REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW GEORGE F. SOZOLSKY,
COLUMNIST, NY JOURNAL AMERICAN, RE ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY HAVE OF
SMEDLEY. BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED.

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CHOSE. SUTEL WHETHER YOUR FILES INDICATE HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS
AND PRESENT ACTIVITIES SO THAT THE BUREAU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR
NOT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE
OF SUTLEY'S ACTIVITIES.

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SAC, NEW YORK

AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. REURTEL APRIL TWENTYONE, NINETEENFIFTY, IN WHICH YOU SET FORTH INTERVIEW WITH LOUIS F. BUDENZ. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO REINTERVIEW BUDENZ AND REQUEST THAT SPECIFIC DATES, CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SMEDLEY, EXACT PLACES THAT CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE AND ANY OTHER INFO HE MIGHT POSSESS BE OBTAINED. HE SHOULD BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING SMEDLEY'S ASSOCIATES AND THEIR ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH SMEDLEY. HE SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO ELABORATE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF SMEDLEY. BUREAU DESIRES THAT UPON COMPLETION OF INTERVIEW, YOU SPECIFICALLY OBTAIN FROM BUDENZ A STATEMENT THAT HE HAS FURNISHED THE FBI WITH ALL INFO IN HIS POSSESSION CONCERNING SUBJECT AND HER ASSOCIATES. IF, AS A RESULT OF YOUR INTERVIEW WITH BUDENZ, LEADS ARE TO BE SET OUT, THEN THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A MOST

EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. REFERENCE TELETYPE STATED THAT BUDENZ ASKED [REDACTED]

WHO HE DESCRIBED AS A CP MEMBER ACTIVE IN THE LABOR FIELD.

ABOUT AGNES SMEDLEY AND THAT [REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE WAS ENGAGED IN TRYING

FOR THE SOVIET UNION. YOU ADVISED THAT NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERVIEW

Tolson [REDACTED] IN ORDER FOR THE BUREAU TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT [REDACTED] SHOULD BE

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Glavin [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED, SUBMIT A TELETYPE SUMMARY ON HIS PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND HIS

Nichols [REDACTED]
Rosen [REDACTED]
Tracy [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS. IN REFERENCED TELETYPE YOU STATED THAT SMEDLEY WAS APPROX

Harbo [REDACTED]
Mohr [REDACTED]
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AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS., IS-R. REBUTEL APR. TWENTYFOUR LAST CONCERNING
HANDLING OF LEADS THIS CASE. FOR INFO OF BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH A
CHECK OF TOLL CALLS MADE FROM THE [REDACTED] IN PALISADES, NY,
DURING TIME SMEDLEY RESIDED THERE, THE FOLLOWING OFFICES WERE REQUESTED
TO IDENTIFY THE SUBSCRIBER AND FURNISH BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING TELE-
PHONE NUMBERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS...NEWARK, ALBANY, RICHMOND,
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OUEN LATTIMORE, ESP - R. FOLLWOING TEL RECEIVED FROM BUREAU APR. TWENTY
FOUR LAST--"SENATOR MC CARTHY IN ADDRESS BEFORE SENATE MAR. THIRTY LAST
CALLED ATTENTION TO A TRIP MADE BY PHILIP J. JAFFE, THOMAS A. BISSON,
AND LATTIMORE TO YENAN IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. THE SENATOR REMARKED
THAT DETAILS OF TRIP WILL BE FOUND IN JAFFE-S ARTICLE QUOTE CHINA-S
COMMUNISTS TOLD ME UNQUOTE WHICH APPEARED IN OCT. TWELVE, NINETEEN THIR-
TY SEVEN ISSUE OF QUOTE NEW MASSES UNQUOTE. LATTIMORE IN TESTIMONY OF
APR. SIX LAST STATED THAT SOMETIME IN THIRTY SEVEN WHEN HE WAS RESIDING
IN PEKING JAFFE AND BISSON CALLED ON HIM AND WANTED HIM TO ACCOMPANY
THEM ON A TRIP TO YENAN BECAUSE OF HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE AND
AREA. HE STATED HE MADE THE TRIP BECAUSE INFO OBTAINED FROM THAT TERRI-
TORY WAS THEN THE BIGGEST NEWS STORY IN CHINA AND ALSO BECAUSE HE HAD
NEVER HAD ANY CONTACT WITH COMMUNISTS IN CHINA AND FELT THE TRIP WOULD
ROUND OUT HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT UPON REACHING
YENAN HE FOUND THE COMMUNISTS HAD SET UP A PUBLIC RELATIONS SYSTEM
AND AS A RESULT HE WAS UNABLE TO SECURE ANY DIRECT OR FRESH NEWS.
INFO RE BISSON IS IN NY FILES AND IT IS DESIRED EXPERIENCED AGENTS IN-

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INTERVIEW BISSON RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF LATTIMORE, AMERASIA CASE, COMMUNIST AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. HANDLE AT ONCE. HOOVER".

FOR INFO OF SF, [REDACTED] IPR, NYC, ADVISED TODAY THAT BISSON CAN BE REACHED AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. THE ABOVE MENTIONED JAFFE ARTICLE IN "NEW MASSES" REPORTS ON INTERVIEWS WITH MAO TSE-TUNG, THEN POLITICAL LEADER OF THE CHINESE CP, AND CHU TEH, THEN GENERAL OF COMMUNIST FORCES IN YENAN, AND CHOU EN-LAI. JAFFE REPORTED "OUR VISITS TO YENAN WAS CLIMAXED BY A HUGE MASS MEETING ADDRESSED BY CHU TEH, BISSON, LATTIMORE AND MYSELF AND ATTENDED BY FIFTEEN HUNDRED CADET STUDENTS OF THE PEOPLE-S ANTI-JAPANESE MILITARY POLITICAL UNIVERSITY AND ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED FROM OTHER SCHOOLS". JAFFE ALSO NOTED THAT ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT YENAN THEY WERE GREETED BY AGNES SMEDLEY, PEGGY AND EDGAR SNOW. ACCORDING TO NY FILES, BISSON WAS BORN NOV. EIGHT, NINETEEN HUNDRED, NYC, PHI BETA KAPPA, MASTER-S DEGREE NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR FROM TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA U. FROM NINETEEN TWENTY FOUR TO TWENTY EIGHT, EMPLOYED BY PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, FROM NINETEEN

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TWENTYEIGHT TO FORTYTWO, FOR THE FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION, FROM FORTY TWO TO FORTY FOUR, WITH BOARD OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, AND FROM FORTY FOUR TO FORTY SIX WITH IPR. ON HATCH ACT INTERVIEW BY BUREAU AGENTS IN FORTY TWO, BISSON DENIED MEMBERSHIP IN CP, AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS, OR YCL. HE ADMITTED LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CHINESE PEOPLES. HE WAS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN POLICY IN CHINA AND FAR EAST IN NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY, THE LATTER BEING ON THE AG-S LIST. SF WILL INTERVIEW BISSON PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. ALSO UACB, WILL SECURE FROM BISSON ANY PERTINENT INFO RE AGNES SMEDLEY. IF SUCH INFO IS OBTAINED, SUTEL SAME TO BUREAU AND NYC, IMMEDIATELY PREPARE REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION. FURTHER, ANY LEADS ARISING RE SMEDLEY SHOULD BE SET OUT BY TEL WITH THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS UNDER SMEDLEY CASE CAPTION.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS R. LOUIS F. BUDENZ INTERVIEWED TODAY FOR ANY FURTHER
INFO ON AGNES SMEDLEY. HE STATED THAT HE RECALLED AN INCIDENT WHICH
TOOK PLACE SOMETIME BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE AND NINETEEN FORTY
AND HE BELIEVES THAT HE WAS THE LABOR EDITOR OF THE "DAILY WORKER" AT
THE TIME. HE WAS HANDLING THE SUNDAY ASSIGNMENT AT THE "DAILY WORKER"
AND SOME PIECE OF BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH AGNES SMEDLEY CAME UP.
HE CANNOT RECALL EXACTLY WHAT THE BUSINESS WAS BUT BELIEVES THAT EITHER
AGNES SMEDLEY WAS RETURNING TO THE US OR ONE OF HER BOOKS WAS BEING
PUBLISHED. BECAUSE OF THIS [REDACTED] WHO WAS THE FOREIGN EDITOR,
ASKED BUDENZ IF HE KNEW AGNES SMEDLEY. BUDENZ STATED THAT HE HAD
MET HER MANY YEARS BEFORE. [REDACTED] THEN STATED THAT AGNES SMEDLEY
WAS A COMMUNIST AND WAS ALSO ONE OF OUR MOST VALUED AGENTS IN CHINA.
HE ADDED THAT AT TIMES SHE WAS IRRESPONSIBLE BUT THIS IRRESPONSIBILITY
SOMETIMES HELPED HER. BUDENZ STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD BY THIS THAT
AGNES SMEDLEY WAS AN AGENT OF THE CP OR THE COMINTERN OR THE SOVIET
UNION. BUDENZ STATED THAT HE BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] MENTIONED AGNES SMED-
LEY TO HIM ON ANOTHER OCCASION BUT HE CANNOT RECALL ANYTHING SPECIFIC

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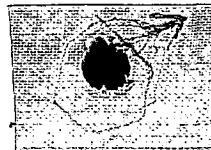
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ABOUT THIS. BUDENZ STATED HE NEVER HEARD AGNES SMEDLEY MENTIONED IN A POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND HE NEVER SAW HER AT A CLOSED CP MEETING, NOR DID HE EVER SEE HER OTHER THAN IN THE EARLY NINETEEN TWENTIES. BUDENZ STATED THAT IT WAS HIS BELIEF THAT AGNES SMEDLEY HAD VERY LITTLE CONNECTION WITH THE CP, USA. HE BASED THIS ON THE FACT THAT SHE SPENT MOST OF HER LIFE IN CHINA. BUDENZ STATED THAT HE VAGUELY RECALLED A PRIVATE RECEPTION FOR AGNES SMEDLEY GIVEN BY OFFICIALS OF THE CP USA, IN NY WHEN SHE RETURNED TO THE US BETWEEN NINETEEN FORTY AND FORTY FIVE. HE ADDED THAT HE MIGHT BE WRONG ON THIS AND THAT THE RECEPTION MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOR SOME OTHER WOMAN. BUDENZ STATED THAT IT WAS HIS RECOLLECTION THAT THE "DAILY WORKER" REVIEWED AGNES SMEDLEY-S BOOKS AND ALWAYS REVIEWED THEM FAVORABLY. HE COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING FURTHER CONCERNING AGNES SMEDLEY.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS R. RE NY TEL APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST.

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[REDACTED] FOUR EXCHANGE PLACE, NYC, FOR WHEREABOUTS
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ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL LENIN INSTITUTE SAME TIME AS [REDACTED] AS-
VISED THAT AT PLENUM OF COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL IN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO,
HELD IN ^MOSCOW, THE THEN SECRETARY OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY
IN MAKING A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF COMMUNIST REVOLUTION IN CHINA,
MENTIONED SUBJECT AS A CONTRIBUTOR WHO WAS CONVEYING BROAD
SYMPATHY FOR CHINESE COMMUNISTS. NEW YORK CITY ORIGIN.

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OVEN LATTIMORE, ESPIONAGE - R. DENYTEL APRIL TWENTY FIVE, LAST, TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF THOMAS ARTHUR BISSON AT SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO REFER TO REPORT OF SAN JAMES T. O'BRIEN DATED MAY TWENTY SEVEN, FORTY NINE AT NYC IN CASE ENTITLED "AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R" PAGE TWENTY SEVEN, WHERE INFO IS SET FORTH THAT SMEDLEY WROTE TO BISSON IN FEBRUARY, FORTY FIVE STATING THAT SHE WOULD SEND TO BISSON THE ADDRESS OF ONE [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO DURING INTERVIEW OF BISSON SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY AND WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] WITHOUT DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF INFO.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS- R. SEATTLE REQUESTED INTERVIEW ONE [redacted]

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ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL LENIN INST., NINETEEN THIRTYONE TO

NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, FOR INFORMATION RE SUBJECT. FOR INFORMATION OF

SEATTLE, SMEDELY IS JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, SPECIALIZING IN FAR EAST.

IN NINETEEN NINETEEN SHE WAS ACTIVE IN INDIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT

AT NEW YORK CITY. FROM NINETEEN TWENTYONE TO NINETEEN TWENTYNINE SHE

RESIDED IN GERMANY, WAS RELIABLY REPORTED TO BE AN ACTIVE SOVIET

ESPIONAGE AGENT IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, FROM NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO

NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, POSSIBLY LATER. RETURNED TO U.S. FROM CHINA

IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FORTY, LEFT U.S. FOR ENGLAND NOV., NINETEEN

FORTYNINE. WHILE IN U.S. WAS ACTIVE IN COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRATIC FAR

EASTERN POLICY AND OTHER COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS DEVOTED TO CHINESE

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA. WAS ALSO AN ACQUAINTANCE OF [redacted] AND

OTHER PERSONS CONNECTED WITH- AMERASIA CASE-. NEW YORK TWL

APRIL TWENTYFIVE NINETEEN FIFTY INSTRUCTS ALL OFFICES SHOULD FURNISH

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AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS, IS - R. FOR INFO OF BOSTON OFFICE, SMEDLEY IS AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST SPECIALIZING IN FAR EAST. FROM NINETEEN TWENTYONE TO NINETEEN TWENTYNINE SHE RESIDED IN GERMANY. WAS REPORTEDLY ACTIVE IN INDIAN REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. SHE IS RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE AND IMPORTANT MEMBER OF RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE RING OPERATING IN CHINA UNDER LEADERSHIP OF RICHARD SORGE FROM NINETEEN TWENTYNINE TO NINETEEN THIRTYTWO AND POSSIBLY LATER. SHE RETURNED TO THE US ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYNINE AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN COMMUNIST FRONT GROUPS DEVOTED TO FAR EAST PROPAGANDA. BOSTON REQUESTED TO CONTACT INFORMANT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND TO CHECK RECORDS OF MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES FOR INFO RE SMEDLEY. BOSTON WILL PREPARE A REPORT FOR DISSEMINATION SETTING FORTH IN FULL ANY PERTINENT INFO OBTAINED, WILL SET FORTH ANY LEADS ARISING FROM THIS INFO BY TELETYPE WITH SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICES COVERING LEADS.

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RE: AGNES SMEDLEY, with aliases:
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Marie Rogers, Mrs. Chattotadyha
Miss A. G. Erpo, Ed (sic) Scott,
Violette Robinson, Mrs. Chattopadhyaya;
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Dear Sir:

[ReBucable 4/17/50, requesting advice regarding Subject's activities in England since her arrival in November, 1949, and also attempt to ascertain the date of her contemplated return to America.] The Bureau stated that newspapers indicate she is expected to return within the next few weeks and is scheduled to be subpoenaed by a Congressional Committee.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PAUL CROUCH, Miami, Florida, does not know AGNES SMEDLEY but was told by [redacted] that SMEDLEY's writings on Chinese matters could be quoted and used in CROUCH's Communist Party work among liberals and professionals.

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DETAILS:

PAUL MICHAEL CROUCH, 10421 N. W. 33rd Avenue, Miami, Florida, former Communist Party organizer in various parts of the United States for many years up until 1942, advised that he has never met AGNES SMEDLEY and has no first-hand information concerning her or her activities. While CROUCH was a Communist Party organizer in the south in the late 1930's, he was told by [redacted] that he could quote from the writings of AGNES SMEDLEY on Chinese matters and use her material in discussions with liberals and professionals in the south to influence them in their fight against CHIANG KAI-SHEK. [redacted] at that time was in charge of Communist Party liaison with intellectuals in the south and gave this information concerning SMEDLEY not only to CROUCH but also to [redacted] who was at that time Communist Party organizer in Alabama and is presently the Daily Worker correspondent in Washington, D. C.

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ING BOOKS PUBLISHED BY SMEDLEY TO DATE -- ~~DAUGHTER OF EARTH~~, NINETEEN
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FOUR, CHINESE DESTINIES, NINETEEN THIRTY THREE, DAUGHTER OF EARTH
RE-ISSUE WITH FORWARD BY MALCOLM GOWLEY, NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE,
~~RED FLOOD OVER CHINA~~, NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR, ~~CHINA FIGHTS BACK~~, NINETEEN
THIRTY EIGHT, BATTLE HYMN OF CHINA, NINETEEN FORTY THREE. ALSO AVAIL-
ABLE IN THIS OFFICE ARE THREE ARTICLES BY SMEDLEY IN VARIOUS ISSUES
OF "CHINA TODAY" AND TWO ARTICLES IN "THE FAR EAST SPOTLIGHT",
PUBLICATION OF THE COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY.
BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER ANY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE
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Das, a naturalized American citizen was the subject of a Registration Act case initiated in October, 1943, since it was alledged he was a paid agent of the Japanese Government. Das was interviewed by Bureau agents 9/25/44 and denied being agent of Japanese Govt. and as a result the case was closed. On April 30, 1918 Das was convicted and sentenced in San Francisco for conspiring to foment an armed rebellion in India at the instigation of the German Govt. and committed to McNeil Island for twenty-two months. Agnes Smedley was among those indicted in the case.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, WAS, IS - R. REFER TO REPORT OF SA [redacted]
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FIVE SEVEN. CLOSING REPORT OF SA WALTER A. CROW, SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE,
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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS - R. RE NYTELS APRIL TWENTY FIVE AND TWENTY SIX
LAST, ENTITLED "OWEN LATTIMORE, ESPIONAGE - R". THOMAS ARTHUR BISSON
ADVISED NEVER CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH SMEDLEY, THAT SHE WAS DEFINITELY
PRO-CHINESE COMMUNIST, HIS OPINION SUBJECT NOT PRO-SOVIET. NO IN-
DICATION SMEDLEY AIDED CHINESE COMMUNISTS EXCEPT THROUGH FAVORABLE
PROPAGANDA. BISSON STATED HAD NEVER HEARD OF CHINESE ASSOCIATE
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| TITLE AGNES SMEDLEY, was. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY--R |

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Reliable confidential informants advised that, [REDACTED] telephone calls were made from home of [REDACTED] Palisades, New York, to residences of [REDACTED] Road, Alexandria, Virginia, and home of I. F. STONE, at 5618 Nebraska Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., during February, March, and June, 1949, at which time SMEDLEY was residing at the home of [REDACTED]. Reliable informants have advised that I. F. STONE is a Communist, and that [REDACTED] was close acquaintance of [REDACTED] who is also a Communist, according to a reliable informant. Stop notice placed with Bureau of Customs.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that in March and June, 1949, long distance telephone calls were made from the home of [REDACTED] Palisades, New York, at which address subject was residing from March to June, 1949, to the residence of [REDACTED] Alexandria, Virginia. [REDACTED] wife is [REDACTED] who is a noted civic leader and pediatrician in Alexandria, Virginia.

Files of the Washington Field Office reflect that Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, has advised that [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] were close friends of [REDACTED]

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This informant advised that their acquaintance was of such a nature that they were known to the informant to invite each other to their respective homes for dinners.

In regard to [redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] known reliability, has known [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] to have been Communists in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has advised that [redacted] served as a trustee of the Washington Cooperative Bookshop in 1940. This organization has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[redacted] was also known to Confidential Informant [redacted] to have held meetings with [redacted] in 1943 and 1944 under conditions indicating that they were probably in espionage, [redacted] having then been associated with "RUSKY GOLOS," a New York City Russian language newspaper. [redacted] returned to Russia in 1946, where he continued newspaper work, and was last reported traveling in Europe on a Russian diplomatic passport.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] further advised that [redacted] was employed by the United States Government in 1945 and 1946 in France and Germany, where she was in contact with Communists. She brought back to the United States a political text of GABRIEL PERI, deceased editor of the French Communist paper, "L'Humanite."

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MARY JANE KEENEY testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on June 9, 1949, at which time she denied being a member of the Communist Party, but she admitted having entertained GERHART EISLER, an admitted Communist and reported head of the Comintern in the United States.

Confidential Informant [redacted] also advised that in December, 1946, [redacted] had been a speaker at a meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations in Washington, D. C.; however, the informant did not know whether [redacted] was a member of this organization.

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In regard to the Institute of Pacific Relations, the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflect that the California Committee on Un-American Activities, by a report in 1948, cited the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, as a Communist front which received funds from the American People's Fund, another front organized and directed by FREDERICK V. FIELD as a repository for funds to be distributed to Communist enterprises.

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The files of the Washington Field Office further reflect that on March 12, 1946, Special Agents OWEN B. CHANEY and [] observed [] to leave her apartment at [] and proceed to Connecticut Avenue and L Street, Northwest, where she entered the offices of the Foreign Economic Administration, located in the LaSalle Building. She was overheard by the above Agents to inquire for a []. Shortly thereafter, [] and an unknown man, believed to be [], came out of the office building and proceeded to the Cafe Parisienne, on Connecticut Avenue. Approximately one and one-half hours later, Special Agents CHANEY and [] observed [] and this unknown individual reenter the LaSalle Building. It was ascertained that a [] is listed on the information sheet in the LaSalle Building as occupying Room [] of this Foreign Economic Administration building.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that [] on May 3, 1946, had written a check to the order of one [] in the amount of \$22.00. It is not known whether this man is identical with [] Alexandria, Virginia.

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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised in March, 1947, that the name of [] Bellehaven, Virginia, appeared on a list of persons in the possession of []. This list was believed to contain the names of contacts of [].

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Concerning [] Confidential Informant [] mentioned above, has advised that [] was a member of the Communist Party underground movement in Washington, D. C., in the late 1930's and early 1940's. He was a close associate of known Communists and pro-Soviet sympathizers. Upon one occasion [] advised Confidential Informant [] that he had been sent from New York to Washington to direct the activities of this group.

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Files of the Washington Field Office further reflect that Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that in the early part of February, 1949, when [] stayed at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C., she had a business card in her possession which read as follows: [] Consulting Engineer; New York Office, 150 Broadway, RE 2-2017; Washington Office, 917 15th Street, Northwest.

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In regard to [] mentioned above, Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised Special Agent [] of the

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New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, [on October 21, 1949, that another informant, whose identity and reliability were not known to Confidential Informant [redacted] had stated that [redacted] was a Communist. Confidential Informant [redacted] (u) (S)

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Also, in regard to [redacted] it is noted that he was interviewed by Agents of the Washington Field Office on April 14, 1950, at his office, 1627 K Street, in regard to OWEN LATTIMORE. At this time he advised that he had been a member of the Reparations Mission to the Far East, which had been headed by EDWIN PAULEY, in October, 1945, and OWEN LATTIMORE was also a member of this Mission. [redacted] advised that he is confident that LATTIMORE's conclusions on Chinese matters are a result of careful intense analysis and not motivated by any other reason. He further advised that he considered it LATTIMORE's duty to oppose United States policy when, in LATTIMORE's opinion, such policy is not conformative with the best interests of the United States. b7C

Confidential Informant [redacted] previously mentioned in this report, advised that on February 17, 1949, a long distance telephone call was made from the home of [redacted] Palisades, New York, to Washington, D. C., number EMerson 8643. Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, has advised that EMerson 8643 is listed to Mr. I. F. STONE, of 5618 Nebraska Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. b2 b7D b7C

Concerning Mr. I. F. STONE, the records of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C., reflect that his wife's name is [redacted] and that they formerly resided at 6836 Kessell Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York, and that STONE was the Washington representative of P. M. Newspaper for five years, and also had been the Washington editor of the Nation magazine from August, 1940, until 1943. Prior to that time he had been with the Nation magazine in New York for several years. The files of the Credit Bureau further reflected that his name originally had been ISIDOR FEINSTEINE, but was legally changed in New York City on February 18, 1938. b7C

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that I. F. STONE (ISADORE FINGLESTEIN STONE) admitted that he was a Communist and expressed his denouncement of business policies at the "Caucus for Peace" meeting which was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, and held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on April 9, 1949. b2 b7D

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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee is one of the organizations which have been declared by the Attorney General of the United States as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

By teletype dated April 21, 1950, the New York Office requested Bureau authority for the Washington Field Office to interview one [redacted] with alias, [redacted] in order to obtain any information he might have concerning AGNES SMEDLEY. The files of the Washington Field Office reflect that [redacted] is the subject of a pending Espionage--R investigation, Bufile [redacted]. In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 14, 1950, at Washington, D. C., entitled, [redacted] was., Espionage--R," it was indicated that [redacted] was known to have been at Tientsin, China, as late as November, 1949, and presumably is still in China. b7C

By letter dated April 18, 1950, the New York Office requested the Washington Field Office to place a national stop with the United States Customs Service in order that the nearest field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be notified of subject's arrival. A letter to the Collector of Customs requesting this stop notice was written April 24, 1950.

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At Washington, D. C.: Upon receipt of Bureau clearance, will interview [redacted] of the Chinese Embassy, Washington, D. C. Bureau authorization was requested by New York teletype dated April 22, 1950. ~~(U)~~

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Will also interview [redacted] Alexandria, Virginia, providing clearance is furnished by the Bureau. The New York Office, by teletype dated April 25, 1950, requested Bureau authorization for interview of [redacted]

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Immigration and Naturalization Service file [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at INS Headquarters, 70 Col. Avenue, New York

City, as set forth in report of SA [REDACTED]

dated June 13, 1949, at New York, entitled, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was., Internal Security--R & BU."

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New York teletypes dated April 19, 21, and 22, 1950.

Richmond teletype dated April 21, 1950.

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| TITLE AGNES SHEDLEY | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R | |
| <p><i>bracketed</i> <i>pgs. Unclass per army Ltr dtd 3-30-83 sp4 elw mg</i></p> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential informants advise subject resided in Shanghai China about 1927 to 1937; as of October 11, 1934, was active Communist Party Member; worked with Chinese Red Army 1937 to 1941, in recruiting and propaganda activities. Subject spoke July 15, 1941, in San Diego at American Peace Mobilization meeting; spoke on radio broadcast February 22, 1945, San Diego in favor of Chinese Communists and urged dissolution of CHIANG-KAI-SHEK government. Subject was member of Communist Party controlled "Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions," as of October 1948, and in March, 1949, signed protest against trial of twelve Communist Party leaders, New York City. Informant further advised that during 1949, subject was a sponsor for the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, New York City, Bill of Rights Conference, New York City and Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, all described as Communist Party front groups by the informant. <i>u</i></p> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8-11-82 BY <i>sp4 elw mg</i></p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED R95 APR 25 1955</p> <p>PERSONAL HISTORY SD <input type="checkbox"/> of known reliability, advised that the San Diego Union newspaper, dated January 8, 1937, in an article regarding AGNES SHEDLEY, indicated that she had moved from Oklahoma to Colorado when fourteen years old and after graduating from college, taught school in northern Colorado. Further that the subject had lived in Shanghai, China during the ten years prior to January 1937. <i>u</i></p> <p><i>u</i> <i>per army Ltr dtd 3.13.83</i></p> | | | | |
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[] advised that the San Diego Union, dated May 22, 1937, in an article regarding the subject, indicated that she was a resident of San Diego for several years and a student at the Old Normal School on Park Boulevard, San Diego in 1915.

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[] advised that the San Diego Sun newspaper, dated May 23, 1937, in an article regarding the subject, stated that she was formerly a faculty member of the San Diego State Normal School. She entered this school in September, 1912, waiting on tables and doing clerical work to pay her way. The article indicated that SMEDLEY was a daughter of a poor Missouri farmer and had taught a country school when only fifteen years old. She later solicited magazine subscriptions to support herself. She was grateful for any education and accepted a business training course offered by a wealthy relative. She later was graduated from a normal school in Tempe, Arizona, and the period of her residence in San Diego followed. The article continued that in addition to her school work, SMEDLEY was prominent in labor movements and was involved in a free speech fight in 1916 after which she left San Diego for New York. There she joined the movement for the liberation of India. Following the entry of the United States into the World War, Miss Smedley was imprisoned in New York for six months on charges of treason against an ally of the United States. After the Armistice, she went to England, working her way on a ship as a Stewardess and then to Germany. She was in Germany during the Revolution and was sent from there to China as a Foreign Correspondent for the Frankfurter Zeitung. BORODIN and MADAM SEN-YAT-SEN, leaders of the KUOMINTANG movement, became her friends during the eight years she spent in southern China. Hitler's "purge" of the press, after he rose to power in Germany, saw her discharged as the Chinese Correspondent of the Zeitung because of her liberal dispatches and association with the anti-Imperialistic movement. She, thereafter, retired to a Russian sanitarium. From there she went to Denmark where she wrote "Daughter of Earth." The 1933 trip to the United States was next on her travels. The article stated that SMEDLEY became ill on her return trip to China and learned that the Japanese had set a price on her head. She was spirited off the boat by the agents of MADAM SEN-YAT-SEN and transported for several hours through the streets of Shanghai to throw off pursuit and was at last concealed in a hospital for four months. She began, thereafter, working secretly to organize the Chinese working class, especially those workers in Japanese textile factories. Her aim was to unite Chinese labor against the "Imperialistic Masters" as she described the Japanese and all foreign powers except Soviet Russia.

The article concluded that SMEDLEY'S most recent activities were in Sian-Fu during the captivity of General CHIANG-KAI-SHEK by Marshal CHANG HSUEH-LIANG in December 1936.

COMMUNIST PARTY - ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

[] advised that the subject wrote an article "Days in the Chinese Red Army" which was published in the May 22, 1934 edition of the "New Masses", which, according to [] was a Communist Publication. [] advised that the subject was a very active member of the Communist Party in Long Beach, California, as of October 11, 1934.

[] related that the subject was one of those present at a meeting held at the home of [] a Communist Party sympathizer in San Diego during 1936, at which time, an individual referred to as "The Unofficial Russian Ambassador," was present. At this meeting, the subject stated that she expected to return to China in the near future.

Confidential Informant [] another governmental agency conducting intelligence investigations, advised that at a meeting of the First American Writers Congress held on April 24th to 27th, 1935 in New York City, a Communist front organization named the League of American Writers was formed and at the same time elected what was called a National Council, one of whose members was AGNES SMEDLEY. [] further advised that this National Council then affiliated with the International Union of Revolutionary Writers, which had its headquarters at Moscow, Russia. By way of explanation, [] explained that the IURW, aforementioned, was created at a Congress of so called "Revolutionary Writers," held in November, 1930 at Kharkov, Russia. At this Congress a program was laid down for the IURW which was to operate in all countries outside the borders of the Soviet Union. The basic purpose of this Union was to organize intellectuals, particularly writers in all countries; indoctrinate them with the philosophy of Marxism and Communism and then create cultural organizations for the defense of the Soviet Union. These organizations would work in cooperation with the various sections of the Communist International throughout the world. U

[] advised that the January 8, 1937 issue of the San Diego Union newspaper indicated that the subject had lived in Shanghai, China for the past ten years and was then active in trying to help form a Communist State in northwestern China. Further that the subject had gone to Sian-Fu, China from Shanghai on about December 12, 1936. U

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[] advised that the San Diego Sun newspaper dated May 22, 1937 contained an article entitled "I am No Red." "Broke, ill, AGNES SMEDLEY lashes accusers; yearns for Missouri." The article was a United Press dispatch bearing the date line Hunan, China, May 22, 1937. The article indicated that the subject stated she was waging a grim battle against "powerful interests" which sought the withdrawal of her American Citizenship. She stated that these "interests" demanded that the State Department withdraw her citizenship on the grounds that she was a member of the Chinese Communist Party and a Red agitator. The article further stated that the charges were then being investigated by American Consular authorities in Shanghai. Miss SMEDLEY was quoted as stating, "I am not a member of the Communist Party or the Red Army or an advisor to the Chinese Soviets. There is no foundation for the hundreds of lies told and even published about me. I can not give up certain principals of democracy that were born with me. I could never become a member of the Communist Party. Anyone who knows the pitiful condition of the Chinese peasants and workers cannot help sympathizing with some of the aims of the Chinese Communists and I suppose that makes me a Communist sympathizer but I am no more than that." The article further stated that Miss SMEDLEY, author of "Daughter of Earth", "China's Red Army Marches", and other works, was suffering from a heart affliction in December 1936, when the Sian coup-d'etat started. Provincial troops broke into her room at Sian and took all her money and valuables. When she was able to leave her sick bed, she was without funds and accepted an offer to broadcast news bulletins from Sian. Those broadcasts were mentioned in the complaints against her but Miss SMEDLEY claimed they were only news bulletins. The article indicated that after General CHIANG-KAI-SHEK was released and the incident came to a close, Miss SMEDLEY came to Hunan. The Communists, who had already declared for peace with the Chinese Nationalist Government, gave her living quarters and an allowance of twelve dollars a month. In return, she was to aide in English correspondence and maintain the English Language Library.

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[] advised that as of September 1, 1937, the subject was reported to be with the headquarters of the Chinese Communist Army, at which time she was engaged in recruiting for the Army and waging a Communist propaganda campaign from the front line trenches.

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[] related that the San Diego Sun newspaper dated January 13, 1938 contained an article bearing a Hankow, China dateline of January 13, 1938, entitled "Woman Foes Chinese Reds Starve Japanese Troops." The article reflected that AGNES SMEDLEY, who had resided in China for a decade, and accompanied the Chinese Eighth Route Army on many of its campaigns, had stated that the former Communist forces were starving Japanese Army columns in northern China by evacuating residents and food stuffs from towns in the path of their advance. The subject was quoted as stating that the Chinese generally

believed that she was a Soviet Staff Officer. She added that she had not seen a single Soviet Russian among the troops. 4

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A publication entitled "New Frontiers" according to [] stated on Page 34 that a newly organized Young Communist League branch in San Diego had been named the AGNES SNEEDLEY branch. 4

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It is noted that the Young Communist League has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

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[] advised that one Mrs. HANNAH SIMS LEE, 115 West Seventh Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, stated that she was the widow of a Chinese Missionary and that she met AGNES SNEEDLEY in Hankow, China at a party in September, 1938. SNEEDLEY was under the influence of drink at the time and stated to Mrs. LEE that she had been associated with the Reds for three years. 4

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[] reported that the San Diego Union dated October 14, 1939, contained an article entitled "American Woman Writes of Helping Chinese Guerrillas in War on Japan." The article was an Associated Press dispatch datelined at San Francisco on October 13, 1949. This article reflected that the subject had written a letter to a friend in San Francisco which was dated July 25, 1939, somewhere in Anhwei Province, China, while wounded soldiers were being brought into a small field hospital she operated for the National Red Cross Society of China. She told of the activities of the Chinese Guerrillas behind the Japanese lines.

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[] advised that as of June 13, 1941, the subject visited with her sister Mrs. MYRTLE FINNEY of Chula Vista, California.

[] advised that the subject, in an interview with the San Diego press, stated that she had recently returned to the United States from China and further that in her opinion, the Chinese would eventually drive the Japanese out of China. [] advised that the subject had formerly contributed articles to the New Masses and other publications.

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[] reported that the subject was the main speaker at a meeting held in the "House of Hospitality" San Diego on the evening of July 8, 1941, by the "League for Defense of Democracy." At this meeting, the subject was presented to the audience by Major EVANS F. CARLSON, a Communist Party sympathizer, according to [] advised that the League for Defense of Democracy was a Communist controlled organization in San Diego at that time. [] stated that SNEEDLEY, in her speech, criticized the United States for supplying oil and guns to Japan. She told of many instances in which she had been asked to address the Chinese soldiers on their way to death, and in answer to the Chinese questions as to why the United States was furnishing supplies to Japan,

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she told them that the people of America were not responsible but that our "faith is in the hands of men who think only of profits." She praised Chinese Communist Industrial Cooperatives as the salvation of China and stated that they then had a dictatorship but would win eventually. The subject, in answering the question regarding who were the friends of the Chinese people, stated that the democracies of America and the Soviet Union were. She praised the work of the Chinese Communist Fourth and Eighth Route Armies and stated that in the areas covered by these Armies, the people have some degree of self government which she claimed was denied them elsewhere in China. [] advised that the subject had just prior to this date been the guest in the home of [] in San Diego. [] added that [] then head of the San Diego Communist Party, was in the audience.

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[] reported that the subject spoke at a meeting of the San Diego Branch of the American Peace Mobilization held on the evening of July 15, 1941 at the home of []

The American Peace Mobilization has been declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

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[] reported that a publication entitled RAFU SHIMPO dated October 24, 1941, contained an article reflecting that the subject was one of three authors on Far Eastern Affairs who had discussed "The Far Eastern Crises" on the "What's it all About?" radio program, Sunday evening at 9:30 P.M. over Columbia Broadcasting System, Radio Station KNX, Los Angeles. The article indicated that AGNES SMEDLEY was a noted author and newspaper correspondent for the Chinese Guardian who had traveled thousands of miles in recent years with the Chinese Army. *6/24/43*

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[] reported that the November 24, 1942, edition of the People's World newspaper, which he described as a Communist newspaper on the West Coast, contained an article reflecting that the subject, identified as an author, had signed a petition demanding that the Governor of California pardon one FESTUS COLEMAN. [] explained that these petitions were sponsored by the Communist controlled International Labor Defense, which organization was a forerunner of the present Civil Rights Congress. *Per Army LTR dtd 8.30.43*

The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

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[] reported that the People's World newspaper dated July 22, 1944, contained an article on Page 2, reflecting that AGNES SMEDLEY would tell the story of the Chinese Communists over radio station KPO at 10:30 P.M., July 23, 1944. *Per Navy LTR dtd 3/16/43*

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[] advised that subject's book, "The Battle Hymn of China", appeared on a mimeographed leaflet listing books to be read in connection with the East and West Association which was distributed at a meeting of an Adult Discussion Class of the Unitarian Church, San Diego, on the morning of [] explained that the nature of the East and West Association was unknown to him but that Professor [] was the leader of the Adult Discussion Class.

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[] reported that the subject had been scheduled to speak before the Jewish Community Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on January 15, 1945 at a five star forum on the International scene at which one of the other speakers was to be JOHANNES STEELE, who, according to [] was a Communist Party Member and writer for the Daily People's World newspaper in 1944. [] advised that the subject was one of four speakers on a radio program entitled, "Town Meeting of the Air," heard at 8:30 P.M. on the evening of February 22, 1945, over radio station KFTB in San Diego. On the program, [] stated the subject made a violently prejudiced talk in favor of the Chinese Communists and advocated that the whole of China should be placed under their domination and that the KUOMINTANG be dissolved.

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[] reported that the subject, in a speech at Hartford, Connecticut, during the week ending March 10, 1945, stated that during the past seven years she had worked as a war correspondent and volunteer Red Cross worker with the Communist forces in China. In her speech she attacked the Nationalist Government of China as being "an instrument in the hands of a few land owners." She stated that the so-called Communist groups in China were not Soviet controlled in any sense, but "comprised the nearest approach to democracy in China today." She charged that before General JOSEPH STILLWELL left China, he received a letter from the Commander of the Communist Armies, offering him their services, but that General CHIANG-KAI-SHEK reported that the Communist armies would not fight under the United States leaders. [] continued that the subject stated that in Communist controlled villages, the people were being encouraged to elect their own leaders and to prevent Communist domination of these elected bodies. Further that Communists were limited to one third of the membership of these bodies. She stated that democracy could not be practiced by the Nationalist Government in which, she charged, the people had no faith.

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[] reported that during the week ending March 24, 1945, AGNES SIEDLEY appeared at the Communist controlled "Samuel Adams School for Social Studies" in Boston, Massachusetts, where she praised the work of that organization. In this speech she charged that there was absolutely no democracy in Nationalist controlled China and claimed that the only group fighting for democratic policies in China then was the Communist Army.

*Pages 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 Unclass per agency LTR
dtd 3/30/83 my 6.2083*

The Samuel Adams School, Boston, Massachusetts, was declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

per Navy LTR dtd 3/16/83 my 6.2083
[] reported that on August 12, 1945, Dr. TUNG-PI-WU visited AGNES SIEDLEY at Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, New York. [] explained that PI-WU was a delegate from the Communist Party of China to the United Nations Conference held in San Francisco, California, in April, 1945. *u*

[] stated that the subject was scheduled to appear at a "Ford Hall Forum" in Boston, Massachusetts on January 6, 1946 at which time she was to speak on the subject "The Struggles for Democracy in China." *u*

[] advised that the subject was one of the sponsors of the National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, held in New York City from January 23rd through January 25, 1948. The National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (a Conference called by the Committee for a democratic Far Eastern Policy) was declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835. *u*

[] reported that on March 8, 1948, the subject was one of a number of people who sent solidarity greetings to the women of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on International Women's Day. [] explained that the sending of greetings was promoted by the Communist Party in the United States. *u*

per Navy LTR dtd 3/16/83 my 6.2083
[] advised that the Daily People's World edition dated September 22, 1948, contained an article reflecting that the subject was on the "initiating committee" for a new program called the "writer's for Wallace" which had recently been established. [] explained that this program was established for the purpose of furthering the Communist Party controlled campaign to elect Henry Wallace to the presidency of the United States on the Progressive Party ticket. *u*

[] advised that in October, 1948, subject was a member of the "Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions". [] explained that this was a Communist controlled organization. *u*

[] advised that in November, 1948, SIEDLEY, was one of the signers of a petition addressed to President Harry S. Truman, Chief Justice Vinson of the U. S. Supreme Court and Attorney General Tom Clark, asking that the convictions of the eleven members of the Executive Committee of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee be set aside. *u*

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee was declared to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835, by the Attorney General.

b2 [] advised that the March 7, 1949, edition of ALERT magazine
b7D contained an article reflecting that in March, 1949, AGNES SMEDLEY had signed a protest against the trial of the twelve National Communist Party Leaders of the Communist Party which was then being held in New York City. *U per army ltr dtd 3/30/49 ref 6.20.49*

The Communist Party, United States of America, has been declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

b2 [] *U per NAWY LTR dtd 3/16/49 ref* advised that the subject's signature appeared on a statement issued by the "Committee for Free Political Advocacy" on March 9, 1949, which organization, according to [] was a Communist controlled group. *b7D* [] advised that the New York Times newspaper dated March 24, 1949, contained an article reflecting that SMEDLEY was one of the sponsors for the "Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace", to be held in New York City, in April 1949. [] advised that this Conference was Communist Party sponsored and influenced by leading Communist Party Members of various parts of the world. *U*

b2 [] advised that the subject signed a statement calling for the peaceful settlement of the U. S. - U.S.S.R. differences which were circulated by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship *b7D* in May 1948. *U per army ltr dtd 3/30/49 ref 6.20.49*

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship was declared by the Attorney General to come within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

b2 [] advised that subject was one of the sponsors for "Bill of Rights" Conference held in New York City, in July 16-17, 1949. [] explained that this Conference was Communist Party organized and controlled. *b7D U per army ltr dtd 3/30/49 ref 6.20.49*

[] advised that in August 1949, SMEDLEY was one of the sponsors of the "Conference on Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact." [] advised that this was a Communist Party sponsored and controlled conference. *b2* [] stated that the subject was one of the sponsors for the American Continental Peace Congress, held in Mexico City, Mexico, *b7D* in September, 1949. [] advised that many leading Communists from the Western Hemisphere participated in this Congress. *U army bracketed info*

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[] advised that the subject on a radio broadcast over San Diego radio station KGB on the evening of June 26, 1941, stated that she then contemplated a lecture tour to the United States to raise money to enable her to write two books. [] expressed the opinion that the contemplated books would deal with China and the Communist effort in that country. u

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[] advised that the Long Beach Telegram newspaper dated October 9, 1942, contained an article indicating that SIEBLEY was a leader of the National Council of Protestant and Episcopal Churches and was also active in a Los Angeles "Committee in support of China."

[] advised that he had no information regarding the sponsors or the purposes of the aforementioned organizations. u

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[] advised that the subject had been active in the Boston, Massachusetts area during the two weeks preceding March 24, 1945, and that on March 18, 1945, she gave a speech before a group which was sponsored by the Community Church of Boston. On this occasion she addressed a large audience which contained many persons of Chinese descent and negroes. u

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The San Diego Union dated February 11, 1949, contained an article reflecting that the subject's brother [] was then living at [] Chula Vista, California. The current San Diego telephone directory dated April 1950 reflects that [] is still residing at the same address.

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REFERENCE:

New York Conference Teletype to San Diego, Portland and
Seattle, dated April 22, 1950.

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FILE NO. 105-279

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| REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN | DATE WHEN MADE 4/27/50 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/26/50 | REPORT MADE BY IRVING R. ANDERSON |
| TITLE AGNES SMEDLEY | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] never met Subject personally. Has no first-hand information. [redacted] advised that while attending International Lenin Institute at a plenum of Communist International in 1932, held in Moscow, the then secretary of the Chinese Communist Party in making a report on progress of Communist revolution in China, mentioned numerous contributors who were cultivating broad sympathy for Chinese Communists, amongst whom was Subject. In about December, 1932, in discussion with [redacted] the editor of an edition of the "Daily Worker" published in Detroit, in speaking of intellectual writers it was [redacted] estimate that SMEDLEY was a "Party-liner". In conversation with a Professor SCOTT NEARING, described as secret Communist Party member, in latter part of 1933, NEARING was of the opinion that SMEDLEY was a "Party-liner". [redacted] believed that by "Party-liner" above two meant that although Subject possibly not actually a Communist Party member, she was of more use as a front because of her writings.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] an ex-Communist Party member, presently employed as an investigator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, 3770 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, advised that he had never met Subject personally and could furnish no first-hand information concerning her.

[redacted] advised that he attended the International Lenin Institute in Moscow from the late summer or early fall of 1931, until about November of 1932. He recalled that some time in November of 1932, a plenum of the Communist International was held in an auditorium of the Lenin School in Moscow, Russia, and that at this plenum the then secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, whose name [redacted] could not recall, in making a report on the progress of the Communist revolution in China, mentioned a number of contributors who were cultivating a broad sympathy for the Chinese Communists, amongst whom was mentioned AGNES SMEDLEY. The secretary of the Chinese Communist Party also mentioned at the time that essentially the Chinese revolution in its initial phases was an agrarian revolution against imperialism, involving almost the whole of the Chinese people, but could be developed along lines set out by LENIN as laid down in his writings on the colonial question into an alliance with Russia, under the leadership of the proletariat of China and the Soviet Union. [redacted] did not recall that this person mentioned specifically how Subject had contributed to the Chinese cause, but assumed that it was through her writings on the Chinese and Far East situation.

[redacted] further stated that it was his recollection that while he attended the International Lenin Institute, there was a Chinese delegation also in attendance and that it was general talk that Subject was favorable toward the Chinese Communist cause in her writings.

[redacted] recalled that in about December of 1932, after his return to the United States, during a discussion with [redacted] who was then an editor of an edition of the "Daily Worker" published in Detroit, while discussing writers [redacted] was of the impression that SMEDLEY was a "Party-liner". [redacted] also stated that in a conversation with a Professor SCOTT NEARING, [redacted] stated was a secret Communist Party member at the time, some time in 1933 had been invited to visit Detroit at the request of the Communist Party to appear as a speaker before the Detroit Workers School, which school [redacted] advised was operated by the Communist Party. Some time during NEARING's visit in Detroit, [redacted] had a discussion with him concerning various writers who dealt principally on Chinese and Far East matters, and it was NEARING's opinion that SMEDLEY was a "Party-liner".

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[redacted] explained that it was his opinion that both Professor NEARING and [redacted] meant by "Party-liner" that although Subject was possibly not actually a Communist Party member, she was of more use as a front because of her writing concerning the Chinese and Far East situation.

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[redacted] believed that the following individuals, whom he believed have either been contacted by the FBI or the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City, may have information concerning the Subject:

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[redacted]
New York City
[redacted]

Their addresses are possibly available to either the New York Office of the FBI or INS, and such information was set out in a teletype to New York City and the Bureau on April 26, 1950.

[redacted] also believed that HEDE MASSING, believed to possibly reside in New York City, ex-wife of GERHARDT EISLER, may also possibly have information regarding Subject since she was intimate with many intellectuals in the Communist Movement. This information was also reflected in the above mentioned teletype.

JOSEPH ZACH KORNFEDDER's landlady advised that she believed he was presently in New York City, and a teletype was submitted New York on April 26, 1950, advising thereof.

[redacted] also mentioned that one [redacted], who also attended the Lenin Institute, may possibly have information concerning Subject and accordingly, a teletype lead was sent Seattle on April 26, 1950. He mentioned that he believed [redacted] could be located through the INS office at Seattle.

REFERENCE: New York teletype dated April 25, 1950.

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AGNES SMEDLEY., INTERNAL SECURITY - R. RE DETROIT TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX
LAST ADVISING THAT INFORMANT [REDACTED] SUGGESTED INTERVIEW WITH

[REDACTED] BUTEL ON APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST IN CASE ENTITLED QUOTE
OWEN LATTIMORE., ESPIONAGE - R UNQUOTE STATED [REDACTED] SHOULD NOT BE
INTERVIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH LATTIMORE. UACB NEW YORK WILL NOT
INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE SMEDLEY. RE DETROIT TEL APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST
ADVISING [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE IN NEW YORK. DETROIT
REQUESTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INTERVIEW THIS INFORMANT AS SOON AS
HE RETURNS TO DETROIT.

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To: COMMUNICATION SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK

AGNES SMEDLEY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R. REUNITED APRIL TWENTY FIVE LAST

REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AUTHORITY GRANTED.

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ADD: [REDACTED]

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ADDENDUM:

According to [REDACTED] employed as an [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in Residence at the Yaddo Estate, Saratoga Springs, New York,
[REDACTED] who visited Yaddo in 1946 for a period of two months, advised
her that there were only two real Communists of the upper strata who came
to Yaddo, they being he and Agnes Smedley.

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[REDACTED] is a British subject and as of December, 1949, was
assigned to the Division of General Education, New York University.
Investigation disclosed that he was a Commissar of the International Brigade
in the Spanish Civil War and after Franco's victory he escaped to the United
States. He has been active in connection with alleged Communist Party front
organizations which are sympathetic toward the Spanish Republican Movement.
He has spoken innumerable times before meetings of the Veterans of the Abraham
Lincoln Brigade. He is a close friend of [REDACTED]

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It is reported that he broke with the Communist Party during the period
of the Nazis-Soviet Pact but that he is again sympathetic to the Communists.
There is no indication that he is a card carrying member, but he is referred
to as a fellow traveler.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since [REDACTED] according to Agnes Smedley's file, is well acquainted
with her and in view of the remark that he made concerning her, it is im-
perative that we interview him and therefore it is being recommended that he
be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

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AGNES SMEDLEY, IS-R. RPT OF SA J. T. O-BRIEN, MAY TWENTYSEVEN, FORTY NINE AT NYC, PAGE TWENTY, REFLECTS INFO THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EAST, NYC, VISITED YADDO FOUNDATION IN FORTYSIX FOR TWO MONTHS. ON THIS OCCASION HE IS SAID TO HAVE STATED THAT "THERE WERE ONLY TWO REAL COMMUNISTS OF THE UPPER STRATA" WHO VISITED YADDO, HE AND SMEDLEY BEING THOSE TWO. NYO HAS PENDING A SECURITY MATTER - C INVESTIGATION [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FILE REFLECTS THAT [REDACTED] IN INTERNATL BRIGADE IN SPAIN, WAS ACTIVE IN CP AND SPANISH VET ORGANIZATIONS. REPORTEDLY BROKE WITH CP DURING PERIOD OF NAZIS SOVIET PACT BUT IS REPORTED TO BE AGAIN SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNISM IF NOT A MEMBER, IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT NYU, NYC. FILE ALSO REFLECTS THAT [REDACTED] IS A BRITISH SUBJECT AND IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS BY INS. BUREAU AUTHORITIES REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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TITLE

AGNES SMEDLEY

CHARACTER

INTERVIEW

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Mrs. HEPBURN of Hartford, Conn., a contact of the subject, is a well known sympathizer of Soviet Russia and a contact of various Communists at Hartford, Conn. Attorney GEORGE DAY is a well known attorney and former judge of the police court at Hartford, and bears an excellent reputation in the community and in legal circles.

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DETAILS:

Investigation at Hartford, Conn. reflected that telephone 2-9718 is listed to the residence of Mrs. THOMAS M. HEPBURN, wife of a noted surgeon and mother of the motion picture and stage actress, KATHERINE HEPBURN. Mrs. HEPBURN is well known to the New Haven Division as an apologist for Soviet Russia and is a contact at various times of members of the Communist Party at Hartford, Conn.

The "Daily Worker" for 2/8/43 included Mrs. HEPBURN in a list of individuals who had urged Congress to discontinue the Dies Un-American Activities Committee.

The report of SA LOREN D. SWAYNE dated 1/26/44 at New Haven, entitled "National Council for American-Soviet Friendship - Internal Security - R", named Mrs. HEPBURN as a member of the State Committee for the American Council on Soviet Relations, and described the organization as a fore-runner of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.

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Report of SA [redacted] at New York dated 6/25/45, entitled "National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc. - Internal Security - R", listed Mrs. HEPBURN as a member of the organization.

New York letter to New Haven dated 11/3/47, captioned in the same manner, listed Mrs. HEPBURN as a contributor of \$10.00 to the organization.

The Hartford Section of the CP sponsored a rally at Hartford on 1/12/46, the purpose of the rally being directed to the necessity of returning the men from the armed services, and was referred to as a "Bring-Em Back" Rally. Mrs. HEPBURN permitted the use of her name as a sponsor of the rally.

The name of Mrs. HEPBURN also appeared as a sponsor in an advertisement which appeared in the "Bridgeport, Conn. Herald" on 4/6/47, opposing proposed legislation to ban the CP as a legal organization.

Mrs. HEPBURN was also the sponsor of a dinner of the Connecticut Citizens Political Action Committee at New Haven on 10/10/46 at which dinner U.S. Senator CLAUDE PEPPER was the guest speaker. Informants of the New Haven Division advise the CCPAC was dominated and controlled by the CP in Conn.

Hartford telephone numbers 7-9166 and 3-5050 are listed, respectively to the office and residence of Attorney GEORGE H. DAY. The records of the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau reflect that Attorney DAY, whose wife's name is GRACE, is approximately 60 years of age and formerly served as prosecutor, and for six years as Judge of the Hartford Police Court. He is a partner in the well known law firm of Shipman and Goodwin at Hartford and is a Director of the Aetna Fire Insurance Co., the Riverside Trust Co., the State Savings Bank, and the Hotel Bond Corp. He also serves on the board of directors of the Niles, Bement and Pond Corp., the Chandler Evans Co., and the Metropolitan District Commission, the governing group controlling the water supply facilities of the Hartford, Conn. area; is a graduate of Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1916.

Hartford, and currently SEPH W. COONEY, former Assistant U.S. Attorney at Hartford, described Attorney DAY as president of the Hartford County Bar Association, standing in legal circles in the Hartford area. Attorney Cooney stated that Attorney Day possesses undoubted loyalty to the US.

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Teletype from New York dated 4/19/50.

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| TITLE AGNES SMEDLEY, was. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R |

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject unknown to Portland confidential informants.

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DETAILS:

[Portland Confidential Informant **[REDACTED]** all of known reliability,] advised that they have no knowledge of the subject. (S) (U)

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The libraries of the Oregon Journal and the Morning Oregonian, Portland newspapers, contain no information which reflects subject has ever been in the state of Oregon.

The files of the Library of the Oregon Journal contain a clipping dated January 15, 1937 with a New York date line of a story by ROGER D. GREENE. The article begins with the sentence, "Heralded as a power in forging a new Communist empire in North China, AGNES SMEDLEY troubled U. S. authorities in the First World War." The article then reflects that SMEDLEY was indicted on May 27, 1918 for a violation of the wartime espionage statute, but that the case was dropped because of lack of evidence. The article further reflects that she was indicted in San Francisco by Federal Grand Jury, June 11, 1918, on a charge of attempting to defraud President WOODROW WILSON through representing herself as a member of an accredited mission to the United States from the Nationalist Party of India. The article continues that she was also accused of attempting to bring about an alliance between Indian and Bolshevik Russia.

The article reflects that she was born in Missouri and at the age of fourteen attended a normal school in California. The article states that she went to China in 1928 and was a correspondent for five years for the Frankfurter Zeitung. The article then makes reference to a visit here (apparently New York City) in 1934 and then quotes subject as follows:

"The Red army is the soul of China. From a poor, bedraggled, ragged, ill-equipped fighting force going to battle often only with stones, sticks, and spears, the Red army is now a beautifully trained body of almost 400,000 regulars with 600,000 irregulars."

The Journal files also contain a United Press release dated January 12, 1938 at Hangkow, China, reflecting that the subject accompanied Chinese Eighth Route Army. This article reflects that Miss SMEDLEY said that Chinese generally believe she is a Soviet staff officer, but that she has not seen a single Soviet Russian among the troops. The article reflects that Miss SMEDLEY insisted she accompanied the army only as a correspondent, although she is known to have traveled to the front and to have ministered first aid.

The Journal files contain a teletype or telegram dated January 17, 1938 by [REDACTED] This document contains no identification as to news service, but refers to AGNES SMEDLEY as roaming with the

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Chinese Eighth Army 3,000 miles from a treaty port. [] refers to subject^{b7C} as a radical journalist with the Chinese Army since 1936, and compares her to ANNA LOUISE STRONG and RAYNA PRAHME. The communication reflects that PARTON has known all three of the above mentioned and has no desire to see what they have seen.

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